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MAYOR CHRISTOPHER C. JOHNSON, State Senator **Linda J. Melconian**, Fire Chief **David Pisano**, and State Rep. **Daniel Keenan**, prepare to cut the ribbon of the new Agawam Fire Headquarters in Agawam Center last Saturday morning. Local children and their parents flocked to tour the new facility throughout the day. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

New Fire Station Receives Raves From Townsfolk

by **Kathy Cassanelli**
News Editor

Last Saturday's inclement weather wasn't enough to dampen the festivities as the Agawam Fire Department put out the welcome mat for the public at its new fire headquarters on Main Street.

A crowd of about 200 townspeople gathered for the ribbon cutting ceremony on Saturday morning and the open house attracted another steady stream of visitors taking tours through the \$1.77 million facility throughout the afternoon.

"Long overdue" was the description heard most often as the town kept its 20 year-old promise to build a station to replace the old Ottawa Street station.

In his welcoming remarks at the dedication ceremony, Mayor Christopher C. Johnson said, "Everyone in the community has been waiting patiently for the new fire station to open and we finally did it."

After thanking the crowd for braving the weather, Fire Chief David A. Pisano said, "We're here today to welcome you to our new home and to your new fire station."

With five year-old Kevin and four year-old Erin in tow, Elsie Mallory was looking forward to touring the station.

"We've been watching it as it was being built," Mrs. Mallory said. "And we came because Kevin loved fire engines and wants to be a firefighter when he grows up."

For six year-old Jimmy Mackin and his four year-old brother Kevin, visiting with the firefighters is nothing new.

The boys' mother, Marie Mackin, explained, "We live on Elm Street and we've been walking by the old Elm Street fire station and dropping in for a visit from the time they were babies."

A member of the building committee, retired Fire Chief Russell Jenks said the new station was replacing the Elm Street station which had been built in 1918 in the days when firefighting equipment was horse-drawn.

"The last fire truck we bought for the Elm Street station had to be built in accordance with the design of the station rather than to the needs of the department," Jenks said.

When he retired several years ago, Jenks made his appointment to the building committee for the new fire headquarters one of the stipulations of the agreement.

"When you build a fire station today, you build it for 100 years," Jenks said. "You want to put up a station that will last."

The Project Was "Particularly" Satisfying...

For architect Alfred P. Casella, the fire station project was particularly satisfying because he had the opportunity to leave a lasting impression on the neighborhood where he grew up and he had the added satisfaction of bringing a new generation of architects on board with his nephew, Raymond Casella, serving as the project manager.

Controversy Erupts At Power Plant's Meeting For Local Contractors

by **Kathy Cassanelli**
News Editor

What was called a publicity stunt staged for television cameras and the print media didn't affect the success of their procurement seminar for local contractors interested in becoming part of the Berkshire Power project, according to company spokesman Kevin O'Reilly.

Kenneth Forni, president of Concerned Citizens and Businesses of Agawam (CCBA), was escorted out when he tried to enter the seminar at the Oaks Banquet House on Monday morning.

At Monday night's Town Council meeting, Forni said he received a letter from Berkshire Power informing him that he would not be welcome because he had made it clear that he did not intend to do business with the company.

Forni said he went to the meeting because he took issue with the company's advertisement stating the project had received the necessary state and local permits.

Forni said he had a conversation with Berkshire Power President Michael Armitage about the status of the project's permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) and was asked to leave the premises. As he was about to leave, Forni said he thought Armitage signalled to a police officer who then escorted him out.

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School Committee Approves Plans For Additional Spending

by **Kathy Cassanelli**
News Editor

It's never happened before. It may never happen again. The School Department is going shopping with \$500,000 in funds they never expected. The list is long and varied — computers, printers, desks, textbooks, library books, 19 classrooms of furniture, personnel office equipment; in short, a lot of good stuff.

School Superintendent Dr. Frank Ameruso likened the situation to a vintage television show featuring a mysterious Mr. Anthony presenting an unsuspecting person with a check for a million dollars.

"Our Mr. Anthony goes by the name of (Mayor) Chris Johnson," Ameruso said.

The additional funds set aside for the schools include \$75,000 added directly to the school budget; capital improvements of \$75,000 for furniture; \$100,000 for textbooks; and \$300,000 for computer purchases.

The School Committee unanimously approved the four spending plans with one amendment as requested by Ameruso. Money that had been allotted for a secretary to the curriculum director will be used to purchase sixth grade science materials.

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Forni said he had a cordial conversation with the officer and was told he could be arrested for trespassing if he did not leave because the seminar was a private function.

Town Councillor Edward Caba questioned whether the town or the Oaks was paying the officer.

"I'd like to know how the hell he (the officer) got there," Caba said.

Caba said that it "bothers the hell out of me" that a citizen could be ushered out of a public forum by police officer.

O'Reilly said Berkshire Power had answered Forni's questions concerning the permits the project had received in a letter, and the whole point of Forni's appearance at the seminar was to shift the focus from the business seminar to the CCBA.

"Even when we try to do something good for the community, the people from CCBA try to besmirch it," O'Reilly said. "Mr. Forni showed up knowing full well he'd get press coverage out of it. We are the aggrieved party here. We're trying to bring jobs and money to the community."

Seminar Was "A Private Business Meeting"...
O'Reilly said the seminar was a private business meeting, and the police officer providing security was hired by the Oaks.

O'Reilly said the turnout at the seminar was "fantastic," with well over 350 representatives from area businesses looking to put their bids in for the \$15 to \$20 million the power plant will generate locally during construction.

O'Reilly said it was their aim to steer as much business as possible to local contractors. "It only makes sense to purchase locally because it's going to be cheaper without transportation costs."

In July, the ZBA agreed not to appeal a judicial finding that the board's 2-1 vote in favor of granting a special permit had actually constituted an approval of the permit. However, abutters to the project have filed their own appeal and the matter remains in litigation.

O'Reilly added, "Mr. Forni is not a lawyer. When a judge tells us we have a permit, I'll go with the judge."

Our deadline is each Tuesday at 12 noon.

School Spending Includes Two Computer Positions continued from Page 1...

In presenting the details of the spending he developed with the school principals and directors, Associate Superintendent of Schools Donald Charest said it was the first time in his career that the mind-set was "what do we need?" rather than "what are we going to cut and what can we do without this year?"

School Committee Chairman (Mayor) Christopher C. Johnson earned a round of applause from the principals and administrators gathered in support of the spending plan at Tuesday's School Committee meeting.

Charest said the town should be proud that Agawam spending on education exceeds the state requirements by \$2 million.

"That money could have gone elsewhere; it didn't have to come to the School Department," Charest said. "Chris Johnson has been a supporter of education in action, not only in words."

The additional \$300,000 for computers has been added to the \$155,000 set aside in the School Budget for technology purchases.

"The State Of The Art Of The State Of The Art"

By the end of the school year when the technology spending plan will be completed, Charest said the district will have "the state of the art of the state of the art."

Charest said educators from surrounding communities who have heard of the computer plan for Agawam are already calling to ask to see the new facilities.

Usually, we're the ones going to see what others have," Charest said. "It's a good feeling to have others coming here to see what we're doing."

At the High School, 143 Pentium computers and 13 HP Lazer Jet printers will be installed in the computer science and business departments, the drafting rooms, the library, and the computer lab.

The Junior High will receive 26 computers and two printers for the library and computer lab. The Middle School will receive 24 computers and two printers for the library and computer lab.

School administrators, nurses, and central office personnel will also have new computers and

printers.

The money added to the School Department budget will be spent on an additional clerical position in the central office, the telephone account, additional clerical time at the Middle School, Hepatitis B vaccine for employees in the Special Education Department, a part-time Multi-Media Technician, and a Software Support Specialist.

Charest said the multi-media technician would be based at the High School and would be responsible for the day-to-day repair and maintenance of media equipment. The software specialist will be responsible for the software being used at all grade levels and will assist the teachers in using the programs.

Work study students in the School-to-Work Program at the High School will be hired at minimum wage to assist the technician with computer and media repairs.

"... A Formalized Work Study Opportunity ..."

"This will be a formalized work study opportunity for the kids who have been helping out by pirating parts from old computers to make repairs," Charest said.

Charest said the capital improvements in textbooks represent a major effort in textbook replacement to support the new curriculum and the move toward heterogeneous grouping.

"We have \$100,000 for textbook purchases in one year. When has that ever happened before?" Charest said.

Half of the money will purchase reading texts for grades five and six. The remainder will be spent on English books for eighth graders, and geography, chemistry, math textbooks, and library books at the High School.

The furniture spending plan includes two classrooms at each elementary school, four classrooms at the Middle and Junior High Schools, and seven classrooms at the High School.

Also, a desk and chair for the curriculum director, a secretary chair at Granger, four teacher desks and one office desk at the High School, 10 conference room chairs, and 10 storage bins for the Phys. Ed./Athletics Department.

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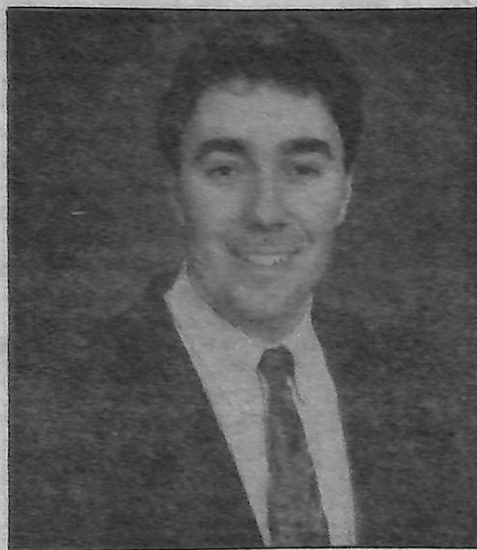
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Agawam funding up **\$435,150 to \$2,434,181** since taking office.

Fighting Crime:

Dan Keenan helped secure increased funding for **community policing initiatives and additional resources targeted at juvenile offenders, gun, gang, and drug criminals.** Dan supported **strengthening domestic violence prevention programs.**

Agawam District Office:

Dan promised to open his district office in Agawam and he kept his promise two weeks after the election. Location: 549 Springfield Street, Agawam.



No Wonder People Are Talking About Dan Keenan...

"Representative Keenan has distinguished himself in his first term of office. The quality of his committee work has been outstanding and he is held in high regard by all the members of the House." "He brings knowledge, discipline, and integrity to our discussion and debates, and every citizen of Massachusetts is well-served by his energetic presence at the State House."

Thomas Finneran
Speaker of the Massachusetts
House of Representatives

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Letters To The Editor

Agawam Fire Chief Praises Open House For New Station

To The Editor:

The Fire Headquarters' grand opening ceremony on Saturday, October 19, 1996 was a huge success. The success of the event would not have been possible without the help of many dedicated individuals. I would like to publicly offer my sincere thanks on behalf of the fire department to those people who helped.

Mayor Chris Johnson for being the Master of Ceremonies. Congressman Richard Neal, Senator Linda Melconian, and Representative Dan Keenan. City Council President Nancy Thompson. Deputy Chief Steven Martin. Lt. Gary Schneider, Ray Pond, and Randy Cushing. Lt. James Brown and the members of "C" group. Lt. Larry Grady, Joseph Cimarrilli, Ron Giordano, Bill Pelley, Brian Keefe, and Pam Murphy for providing coverage during the ceremony.

To all the Agawam Firefighters for their help and patience throughout the entire moving process. Georgie Thompson for all her help getting the office area cleaned and decorated for the open house, and helping during the event. To all the Call Firefighters who graciously donated their time and efforts during the open house.

Special thanks to Senior Call Lt. Chet Nicora and Call Firefighters Mike Nicora, Mike Sibilla, Pat Brown, Brian Schneider, Warren Miodowski, Bill Collins, and Arnie Cone. They donated much of the refreshments for the open house, and served the 1,000 visitors who came to visit.

Also thanks to: Tony Albro and his crews, Roger Kupec, Linda Mercadante, Jennifer Glover, Laurel Placzek, Gary Goulet, Charlotte Cebula, Frank Godek, Mike Piccins and his crew, and Richard Mundo and the Senior Center staff.

And lastly, to all the town's citizens who came to welcome us into our new home.

Respectfully,
David A. Pisano
Agawam Fire Chief

Resident Offers Comments On Town's New Fire Station

To The Editor:

On October 19, 1996, I, along with many other townfolk, was lucky enough to view the new fire station on Main Street. I must say, from a glance it is a fine building. There are only a few things that seem to be missing from this new building.

One is closet space. Whoever designed this building did not take much time to talk to the firefighters to see exactly how the new building should be laid out.

Also, I would like to thank Chet Nicora and the call firefighters for the coffee and pastries they supplied, also for the cell phones in the new trucks. It seems that somehow the call firefighters were overlooked at the dedication on Saturday and for certain, they should be recognized for all their hard work and dedication

throughout the years.

The third point I would like to address is that I also noticed that the Town Seal is still the Indian shooting the farmer in the back. Just because there is a lot of attacking from the back here in Agawam, do you really think this should be on our Town Seal?

Yours Truly,
Ruth Cosimini
Agawam

Pack 77's Bottle Drive Called Huge Success

To The Editor:

The Cub Scouts of Pack 77 at St. John's Church would like to thank everyone who contributed to the Pack's recent bottle drive.

The bottle drive was a huge success due to the large response from the many supporters of the Pack. The proceeds from the bottle drive will be used for Cub Scout activities and achievement awards.

Once again, the Cub Scouts wish to thank all who donated.

Cub Scouts Pack 77
St. John's Church

Servis Urges Town Residents To Support Charter Review

An Open Letter To The People Of Agawam: To The Editor:

As a member of the City Council, I have had an opportunity to view the workings of Agawam's government from a unique perspective. In addition to the pro's and con's on a variety of issues, the structure of our Town government provides a most interesting study.

The recent clamor over reducing the size of the City Council and the call for an elected charter review commission raises some interesting points.

The issue of a charter review commission has been raised in the past, and is probably overdue. This is a commission that should be made up of everyday folks who are elected by the people of Agawam to examine and recommend changes in the charter. The charter is a document that specifies how our government should be structured and operate.

For this very reason, I feel that no matter how noble the motives of those who would like to reduce the size of the council via a ballot question, they are trying to put a band aid on what they perceive as a broken leg. This is the same "band aid" approach that got us into so much difficulty in our zoning and several other issues.

If there needs to be a change in the structure of the council, then let's do it in conjunction with other changes in our government and whatever fine tuning that may be needed.

On a national level, our U.S. Constitution has been amended numerous times. The first 10 amendments are better known as the Bill of Rights. Subsequent amendments were added to fine tune this precious document.

Constitutional amendments are not an easy task to accomplish, and the process should be difficult but not insurmountable. Frivolous change can not be allowed. So it should be with Agawam's Charter.

Opponents of the citizens' charter review commission have claimed that this is an attempt to eliminate the mayor form of government. I believe that nothing could be further from the truth. I do not believe that anyone wants to go back to the town manager form of government. Most folks that I have spoken with merely want to restore a

sense of balance to the powers of the various branches of government.

Agawam is one of the few communities that does not have a provision to recall an elected official. We have been fortunate that no elected official has been found guilty of any heinous crimes. Had there been such an instance, the individual would have been able to serve out their term with full pay if they refused to voluntarily step down. We need to remedy this.

We would not need a permanently set up voting booth or have weekly elections as someone had quipped. Recall, hopefully, would never be used. If necessary, however, recall should be difficult, but not impossible.

I believe that the voters of Agawam have better sense and more intelligence than some folks would like to give them credit for. After all, the government exists to serve the will of the people.

In the process of changing from a Town Manager to a Mayor form of government, the term "mayor" was substituted for the term "town manager." The town manager had broad executive powers, but was accountable and answerable to the City Council. Under our mayoral form of government, the mayor is not directly answerable to the legislative branch.

In essence, our present mayor has even more power than the town managers did, and no one to answer to. No single person should be allowed to wield this much unbridled power. There has to be a separation of powers as prescribed under Article 30 of the Constitution of The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

This is not, and should not be construed as an attack on our current mayor. It is an attempt to restore the check and balance system in our government.

There are many questions to be pondered. Some people, myself included, believe that the mayor should not be the head of the School Committee. There are those who feel that the School Committee should almost be in an adversarial role with the administration, fighting to get the ultimate benefits to aid education. Some parents feel the School Committee should be fighting for improvement and not be intimidated by having the mayor running their meetings. The decline of standardized test scores over the last six or seven years may validate these concerns.

Others would like to limit any mayor's power to negotiate contracts without informing the council. These and many other issues should not be decided only by the politicians, but rather by those citizens who are elected to the commission by the voters.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Sunday, October 27th
Pancake Breakfast to benefit ASGA
(Agawam Senior Games Athletes)
At Agawam Senior Center
8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
Adults, \$3; kids under 12, \$1.50

Monday, October 28th
Agawam/Feeding Hills AARP meeting
At Agawam Senior Center
1:00 p.m.

Monday, October 28th
Agawam Women's Club meeting
At Capt. Leonard House, Main St.
7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 30th
Annual Friends/Council on Aging's
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The commission's recommendations would then have to stand the test of a referendum. The will of the people will be expressed at the ballot box. Parliamentary "slight of hand" and legal "shenanigans" must not be used to interfere with the will of "We The People."

Some opponents of this proposed elected charter commission have stated in so many words that the people of Agawam can't be trusted to make the proper changes in the charter. This is misguided arrogance in its most unrestrained form. It is this type of "We know what's best for you" brand of thinking that validates and justifies the concerns that many of us have voiced.

An elected charter review commission is an example of participatory democracy at its finest hour, and in one of its purest forms. I urge the people of Agawam to support this concept and to go a full step further. If you have concerns about our charter, you have an opportunity to change it. Run for a position on the commission yourself.

Sincerely,
Kent P. Servis
Feeding Hills

Petition Leader Should Know About The Power Play

To The Editor:

Former City Solicitor Anthony C. Bonavita could not have been more mistaken in his comments to the press as reprinted in the October 12th *Union News*. Indeed, he would appear to have either the propensity to delude himself, or that more horrible inclination he learned from his liege, the King: an unfortunate capacity to smear grass-roots movements and organizations through hyperbolic and highly-charged incendiary rhetoric.

I write in the hope that his efforts to stereotype political opposition to Mayoral hegemony may be thwarted, and that the petition's intent of corporate control over the City Council may be betrayed.

It was with considerable interest that I read of a Berkshire Power representative's attendance at the meeting in question. Said representative's protestations of non-involvement seem no less tenuous than those of another Mayoral cheerleader, Councilor Christian Quatrone, or

those of the School Committee member who traveled to Boston to lobby for Berkshire Power. The company clearly has a stake in this contest, and that involves a more cooperative City Council.

Our former City Solicitor has suggested that the personal conduct of City Councilors is what is at issue, but the stakes in fact are Mayoral hegemony through the homogenization of the board. A City Council that is less accessible to the city's citizens is more susceptible to corporate influence.

The stakes do not involve a more truly City Council, but a council less recalcitrant in opposition to corporate polluters. The genuine intent of the petition is to restore Mayoral control of the board in order to facilitate early construction of the utility. Homogeneity for the City Council is of interest only to that extent that it would further the goals of a special interest driven City Hall. Opponents know this, as does the cabal of the King's and Mr. Bonavita's.

Mr. Bonavita knows this especially. He knows that it is the King who "wants to control the town." He knows that he means "Berkshire Power" when he says "community." He knows that he means "corporate puppets" when he says "more qualified people"; and he knows full well that, contrary to his misinformation as spewed to the press, most opponents of the petition drive fully support a Mayoral form of government. I, myself, have long been outspokenly supportive of the concept of a strong Mayoralty. What I do not support is an unethical Mayoralty.

The quest for charter review, then, does not involve the goal of a "weak" or "ceremonial" Mayor. The King himself once supported charter review. My support for charter review rests on a far more solid and civic-minded edifice. I support charter review, not to strengthen the hand of the House of Lords, but rather for recall provisions, ward representation, reform of referenda provisions, and the restoration of the School Committee's independence from executive branch meddling.

My best guess is that Mr. Bonavita would have trouble finding any support for "weak, ceremonial" mayors at all in this town. We have not yet ever recovered from exhaustion over the city manager wars that used to rage.

I respectfully suggest that Mr. Bonavita should keep the facts in mind when he next addresses the press. He doesn't seem to consider the facts of much relevance. Of course, they're not on his side.

Sincerely,
Owen R. Broadhurst
Agawam

Don't Fall Into The "Trap" Concerning Charter Revision

To The Editor:

Dear Citizens of Agawam:

I have served our town as a city councilor for six years, and as a school committee member for many more. I have always worked for the best interest of our town and I continue to do so. In the past, I supported some of the minor changes in our Charter, but what I have been hearing from some individuals during the Town Council's public hearing is making me very skeptical and very concerned about what these people really want to do. They may make very drastic changes in our Charter and destroy our town form of government.

I heard those few individuals and I don't think that what they are trying to do is for the best interest of our town. You need to have a Charter Commission not to do small changes but very drastic ones, or to rewrite and restructure our form of government completely.

The City Council voted to support the idea of a Charter review, but not the irresponsible and dangerous changes of those individuals who are pushing for signatures in their petition. Do you realize that they now want to completely weaken the office of the mayor and have a powerful council with hiring and firing authority—like the good old days of the town manager?

They want to give each councilor \$10,000 of our hardworking taxpayers' money to spend any way they want to—no questions asked. They want to completely change the law department to be elected and not appointed by the mayor. They want the council to conduct investigations and have the power to recall officials. What a circus and witch hunt atmosphere will be created by their actions!

I hope when citizens are asked to sign a petition they don't fall into their trap. Ask questions, demand honest answers, and then decide. I hope you are happy with the present Charter and our town form of government. If you are, just say no when asked to sign. You have the right to refuse to sign.

Thank You,
Jessie Fuller
Former Town Councilor
12-Year School Committee

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The Town of Agawam is pleased to announce a Senior Tax Rebate Program. This provides senior citizens (60 years of age and older who are Agawam residents and homeowners) with the opportunity to decrease their annual property tax bill by participating in a voluntary public service program.

The applicants must agree to perform 100 hours of community service, for which they will receive a \$500 voucher to reduce their property tax bill. This is a mutually beneficial arrangement because the seniors benefit from the tax savings and community involvement, and the Town benefits by having necessary work accomplished.

The Town of Agawam encourages qualified seniors to apply. This is a pilot program with 10 positions available in a variety of offices. Participants will be matched with a position based on qualifications, skills, and the needs of the Town department making the request. Application deadline is November 15, 1996.

For further information for required skills or an application form, please apply in person at the Personnel Office at Town Hall, 36 Main Street, or at the Senior Center, 68 Meadowbrook Manor, Agawam.

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TOWN OF AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD

The Agawam Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Thursday, November 7, 1996 at 7:15 PM in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of the Agawam Planning Board for proposed revisions to Chapter 159 of the Code of the Town of Agawam entitled "Subdivision of Land," more specifically, pavement specifications. A copy of the proposed revisions can be obtained from the Agawam Planning Office or the Agawam Town Clerk's Office.

BY ORDER OF AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD
Charles R. Calabrese, Chairman

Published: October 24, 1996

LETTERS - from Page 5...

Congressman Neal Receives Kudos For Fast Response

To The Editor:

Re-printed below is a copy of a letter from Congressman Richard Neal. This is a very prompt response to my letter to *The Advertiser News* recently.

In my capacity as member of the Town Beautification Committee, I hope to encourage Farmer's Markets in a central location in Agawam to bring the local citizens in closer cooperation for the benefit of us all, to prevent further loss of farms in our area, particularly small family farms.

This is a national crisis. This is an appropriate local response.

Thank you so much for your fine cooperation!

Sincerely,
Rudolph H. Stone
Agawam

Dear Mr. Stone:

Thank you for your letter concerning the Partners in Nature Program.

I want you to know that I am well aware of this fine program and the tremendous work that it is doing. I commend the efforts of the University of Massachusetts Extension, the Massachusetts Department of Agriculture, and the USDA to encourage farmers to meet the state guidelines in the practice of Integrated Pest Management. This innovative approach to pest control utilizes the latest and most environmentally sound pesticide methods. Not only does this help to guarantee a safer produce product, but it protects the air, soil, and water table in the area surrounding the participating farm. This practice will certainly help to minimize any adverse effects that these farms

might have on the region.

Throughout my tenure in Congress, I have been a strong advocate for the protection and preservation of our environment. I firmly believe that protecting our environment is an investment in our future. Unfortunately, our nation neglected this cause for several decades and I think that partly explains the decline in the number of birds you have seen over the years. I am optimistic, however, that the tide has turned in favor of environmental protection and programs like Partners in Nature are quite encouraging. This planet is the only one we have and unless we treat it carefully, it may not be around for future generations to experience and enjoy.

Thank you again for your letter and your kind words of encouragement. Please do not hesitate to contact my office if I can be of further assistance to you.

Sincerely,
Richard E. Neal
House of Representatives

Resident Questions Dan Keenan On Issue Of Jobs

To The Editor:

On page three in the October 10, 1996 issue of *The Agawam Advertiser News*, Daniel Keenan — practicing attorney and part-time state representative from the Third Hampden District — says he understands what's important to the state and to Agawam and has a 100-percent voting record to prove it.

As a practicing attorney and as my part-time state representative, I ask what has he done for business to create jobs?

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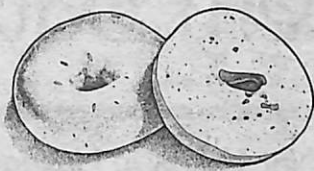
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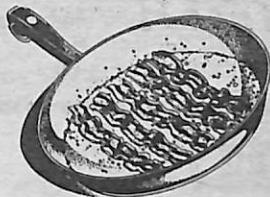
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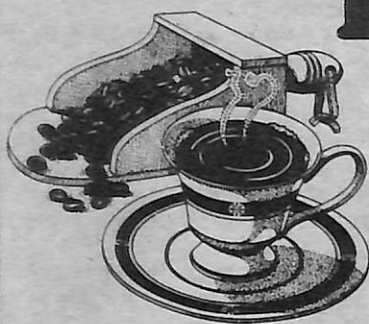
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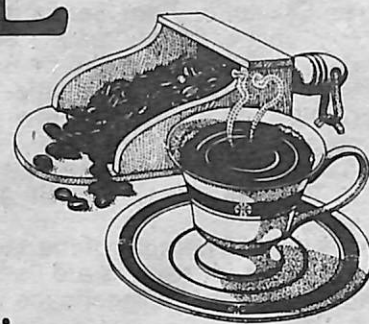
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“A Piece Of The News”

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Council Tables All...

Normally a source of items for this column, this week's Town Council meeting is just a piece of the news.

Chaired by Council Vice President Jill Simpson, the meeting lasted barely 30 minutes as all of the council's pending business was tabled due to the absence of four councilors.

The councilors agreed to put off consideration of a pay raise for the town's personnel director; the vote to hire retired Judge John F. Moriarty as an independent counsel; and a public hearing to determine if a misuse of public funds has been allowed by the council and the administration until the full council is present.

Absent from Monday night's meeting were Council President Nancy Thompson, who was out of town; Councilor Thomas Ennis, who was called in to work; and Councilor Gary Suffriti. Councilor George Bitzas arrived in the final moments of the meeting.

Concerned About Elderly...

Town Councilor Kent Servis is proposing that the town spend approximately \$44,000 a year to provide an additional van to be used as transportation for the town's senior citizens.

Servis said he is afraid the town's elderly will be getting the short end of the stick when regionalization of the van service is implemented by the Pioneer Valley Transit Authority (PVTa) next year.

Servis said 25 percent of the van trips that used to be reserved for seniors are used by people taking advantage of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Under the provisions of the ADA, people with disabilities take precedence over senior citizens using the van service and could result in a situation where a disabled teen going on a shopping

trip would take precedence over a senior citizen going to a doctor's appointment, Servis said.

"I think we have to look at the possibility of providing an additional van to take care of Agawam seniors," Servis said.

Richard Mundo, executive director of the Agawam Council on Aging, stated in a memo that the PVTa's rationale for regionalization of the transportation service is that the reduction of administrative costs should result in an increase in the number of rides (since more money would be available for operations).

Working On Intersection...

Councilor David Skolnick praised DPW Superintendent John Stone for his prompt action in improving the turning radius at the intersection of School Street and River Road.

Two days after his comments on the problems of vehicles making the sharp right turn from River Road onto School Street, the accident waiting to happen did happen when a truck veered off the road and hit an electric pole, Skolnick said.

"We're lucky it wasn't a busload of schoolchildren," Skolnick said.

Skolnick said he was happy to report that the DPW had already rounded off the corner, and work on the intersection was expected to be completed within days.

"This is one of the projects that's given me the most satisfaction in my years of public service," Skolnick said.

According to Stone, the turning radius would be increased to 30 feet, and the issue of whether it will be necessary to install an island to prevent northbound motorists on River Road from cutting the corner at speed onto School Street has yet to be determined by the State Highway Department.

Teachers Recognized By "Who's Who"...

At Tuesday's School Committee meeting,

School Superintendent Dr. Frank Ameruso congratulated a group of Agawam teachers whose names will appear in the fourth edition of "Who's Who for American Teachers."

Ameruso said the teachers will join the 120,000 educators selected by former students who were listed among "Who's Who for American Students."

Ameruso said there is no greater honor for teachers than to be recognized by their students.

The Agawam teachers named to the prestigious list are Richard Joseph, Vladimiro Orefice, David Pulaski, Linda Sasso, Irene Thomas, and AHS Principal Joseph Zabielski.

School Building Update...

School Committee Chairman (Mayor) Christopher C. Johnson updated the committee on the status of the additions and renovations planned at the four elementary schools and Agawam High School.

Johnson said the bidding process on the five projects will begin in January 1997 and is expected to take three months.

Johnson said the town has been notified that state funding for the Phelps School project is assured for fiscal 1997, and the remaining elementary school projects are ranked in the top five of the state's funding list for fiscal 1998, thereby assuring funding next year.

The High School was ranked 38th for state funding in 1998, but the funds could be delayed until fiscal 1999.

Johnson said construction is expected to begin in the spring of 1997 and be completed by the fall of 1998 for the five projects.

Prior to the start of construction, meetings will be held in the five schools to inform parents, students, and staff of the changes that will be taking place, Johnson said.

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF AGAWAM BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Cafeteria, 68 Main St., Agawam, on THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 1996 at 6:45 P.M. for all parties interested in the appeal of PHILIP MCCARTHY who is seeking a SPECIAL PERMIT in accordance with Section 180-7, Paragraph B (2) of the Zoning Ordinances, which would allow for the replacement of the existing non-conforming residential structure at the premises identified as 120-122 ELM STREET.

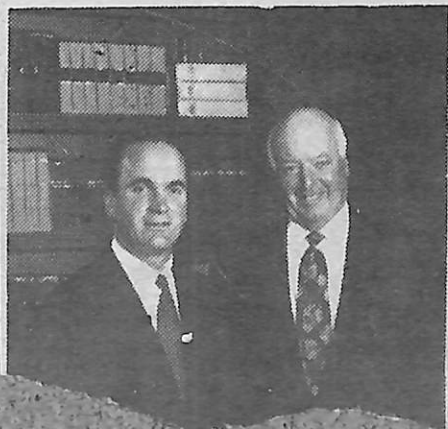
Ronald Hebert, Chairman

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View From The State House

by State Rep.
Daniel F. Keenan

Looking At 1st Term

"With my first term under my belt, I have surveyed the results of the two legislative sessions in which I served and point to a solid list of accomplishments by myself and my colleagues.

"My record is strong on a number of issues important to the people of the Third Hampden District. The Legislature has passed the fifth and sixth consecutive years of balanced budgets, fully funded Education Reform, passed sweeping welfare reform to enable recipients to work and take charge of their own lives, increased local aid for cities and towns, and adopted a number of job growth initiatives.

"Hard work has yielded positive results for my constituents. Through those efforts, \$80,000 was included in the Open Space Bond Bill for the purchase of the Hall Property adjacent to Agawam's Perry Lane Park. To enhance the education of Agawam's schoolchildren, I supported funding for the Education Reform Grants that brought \$48,000 to the school district," Keenan said.

"I am especially pleased that the increase in funding for the Community Partnerships for Children Program that I championed is benefiting the children of working families. The \$212,949 grant provides comprehensive children services that are accessible and affordable to Agawam families.

"To provide better service to elder constituents, I co-sponsored a budget amendment to increase funding to the local Councils on Aging. To enhance public safety, I funded the Community Policing and D.A.R.E. Programs and co-sponsored a bill to fund the construction and rehabilitation of police and fire facilities. With my help, Agawam secured almost \$60,000 in Community Policing Grants and \$29,000 in D.A.R.E. Grants. To help communities hard-pressed to deal with the burdens caused by last winter's tremendous storms, I co-sponsored the resolution for emergency snow and ice removal funds to help financially strapped cities and towns.

"Hard work as a member of the Taxation Committee has produced a more favorable business climate for the banking, manufacturing, and mutual fund industries, thereby allowing for their expansion and for the retention and addition of jobs in the Commonwealth.

"As a member of the Insurance Committee, I fully supported the Postpartum Law that increases insurance coverage for maternity stays. I also supported the Health Care Access Law that extends health coverage to uninsured children and prescription drug assistance for low-income senior citizens.

"Over these last two years, I have gained a greater understanding of the needs of my constituents. While we have made great strides to provide economic opportunity and quality education for all, to assure the public's safety, and to maintain programs vital to the well-being of all our citizens, we must continue our work to maintain and improve the quality of life for people across Massachusetts."

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Agawam Police Dept. Arrest Blotter For Week Of Oct. 15th

On October 15, 1996, James J. Mojica of 29 Depot St., Southwick was arrested and charged with two outstanding warrants.

On October 17, 1996, Victor Ledoux of 183 River Road, Agawam was arrested and charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol.

On October 17, 1996, Dean Edmonds of 18 Royal Lane, Agawam was arrested and charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol.

On October 18, 1996, Kenneth Stanhope of 136 North Longyard Road, Southwick was arrested and charged with an outstanding warrant.

On October 19, 1996, Michael Ritchie of Bradford Dr., Feeding Hills was arrested and charged with domestic assault & battery.

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TOWN OF AGAWAM LIQUOR LICENSE COMMISSION

Notice is hereby given under General Laws, Chapter 138, that Jim's Sports Bar, James R. Gamelli, Manager, has applied for Transfer of License from Vette, Inc., d/b/a Desi's Place, 827 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA, and Transfer of Manager. Building consisting of: One main public room, side public room, rear utility/storage room, rear storage closet, two restrooms, all one floor, exit to side and two rear exits for emergency. Public Hearing to be held on Tuesday, November 12, 1996, at 7:00 P.M. in the Faolin Peirce Room, Agawam Police Headquarters, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA.

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FIRE STATION - from Page 1...

Casella said it was important for young architects to see what is going on in the field during construction rather than through work in a classroom.

Casella said it was his aim to construct the station to be in harmony with the character of Agawam and with the colonial character of the historic district where it is located.

"One of the problems is that we're basically building a large garage," Casella said. "I'm very pleased with the way the building came out and I certainly hope it serves the people who work here and the people whose safety it will protect."

John Zebryk of the Beautification Committee said the group was delighted with the decisions made to spend a little more money to construct a building in keeping with the colonial character of the proposed Historic District on Main Street.

"The building is an asset and a benefit to the whole community," Zebryk said.

On hand to assist in the dedication ceremony (by raising flags that flew over the U.S. Capitol and the Massachusetts Statehouse) and U.S. Congressman Richard Neal, State Senator Linda Melconian, and State Representative Daniel Keenan.

Keenan dedicated the day's celebration to the firefighters who "do so much of what is right about working in government."

State Rep. Keenan Invites Residents To Financial Aid Seminar

State Representative Daniel Keenan would like to extend an open invitation to all residents to attend a seminar on financing a higher education. The seminar will discuss various aspects of financial aid and the process parents and students go through when applying.

The seminar will be held on Tuesday, October 29th, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Agawam Junior High School. The seminar will focus on how to finance a college education.

Scott Prince, Manager of MassPlan External Relations from the Massachusetts Educational Financing Authority (MEFA), will help parents and students with the financial aid process. The seminar will teach parents how to fill out financial aid application forms, the process of filing the appropriate forms, how financial aid is calculated and awarded, how to compare financial aid award letters, and making alternative financing decisions.

There will also be a question and answer session at the end of the session. Parents and families are encouraged to bring their personal financial figures so they can work along with Scott Prince.

Admission is free and further information/directions may be obtained by calling Representative Keenan at (413) 786-4545. Any family interested in receiving an application for a low-cost college loan or more information can also contact MEFA at (617) 261-9760.



U.S. CONGRESSMAN RICHARD NEAL (right of flagpole), Town Council President Nancy Thompson, and Mayor Christopher C. Johnson raise the American flag during ceremonies at the new Agawam Fire Headquarters in Agawam Center last Saturday morning. Advertiser News

photo by Jack Devine.



LOOKING ON WHILE MAYOR CHRISTOPHER C. JOHNSON and FIRE CHIEF DAVID PISANO unveil the ceremonial plaque inside the new Agawam Fire Headquarters are architect Alfred Casella (left), retired Fire Chief (and building committee member) Russell Jenks, and building committee member James Taylor. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



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Agawam Obituaries

James O. Farland

James O. Farland, 90, of 20 Woodcliff Avenue, Agawam, died at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

He was a 50-year machinist at Metocraft Alloy & Plastic Co. in West Springfield. He also was a part-time 30-year bus driver, and drove the Springfield-Agawam route.

Born and schooled in Southbridge, he spent several years in Springfield. He moved to Agawam in 1966, and was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church.

He leaves his wife, the former Eva Cirillo; a daughter, Maureen Sloane of Enfield; a grandson; and two great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Colonial Funeral Home and the church, with burial in Agawam Center Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to any charity.

Geneva F. Mastroianni

Geneva F. (Christopher) Mastroianni, 91, of 117 Lexington Street, Agawam, died in a local nursing home.

She worked 35 years at the former Safe Deposit and Trust Co. in Springfield and retired as head teller in 1970.

Born in Wellesley, she came to Springfield in 1916 and was a communicant of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church.

She moved to Agawam in 1958.

She leaves a son, Richard J., with whom she lived; a sister, Gladys Zeo of Hollywood, Florida; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Tazzini Funeral Home and in the church, with burial in St. Michael's Cemetery, all in Springfield.

Edward C. Hiersche

Edward C. Hiersche, 52, of Feeding Hills, died at home.

He worked 20 years for School Time Transportation in Springfield and was currently a mechanic at Riverside Amusement Park.

Born in Ludlow, he was a 1963 graduate of Ludlow High School and also an Army veteran.

He leaves four sons, Michael, Mark, and Joseph of Chicopee, and Daniel of Springfield; his parents, Alfred and Mary (Fortune) Hiersche of Ludlow; five brothers, Alfred Jr. of Florida, Raymond and Wayne of Kansas, and Michael and James of Ludlow; two sisters, Emmajean Peabody and Amber Hiersche of Ludlow; four grandchildren; and his companion, Isabel Hanant, at home.

The funeral was held at Ludlow Funeral Home and in St. John the Baptist Church, with burial in Island Pond Cemetery, both in Ludlow.

Vincent A. Panuccio

Vincent A. Panuccio, 59, of 83 Acushnet Avenue, Springfield, a former city hairstyling salon owner, died recently at St. Francis Hospital in Hartford after being injured in a car accident on Route 91 in Hartford.

He worked 17 years for the Springfield School Department. He owned the former Vincent's Hairstylis on Fort Pleasant Avenue for 16 years, and was the hairstylist to the performers at the former Storowton Theater in West Springfield.

Born in Reggio Calabria, Italy, he moved here in 1955.

He was a graduate of the Kay Harvey School of Cosmetology and attended several hairstyling academies in Toronto, Ontario.

He belonged to the Greater Springfield Board of Realtors, Elks Lodge 61, and the UNICO Club.

He leaves his wife, the former Donna M. Tromblay; two sons, Vincent and Paul of Longmeadow; a sister, Rosa Pasquale of Italy, and his former wife, Roberta Sheehan Panuccio of Longmeadow.

The funeral was at Forastiere Funeral Home and St. Michael's Cathedral, with burial in Gate of Heaven Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the University of Massachusetts Scholarship Fund, in care of UMass-Amherst, or the Shriners Hospital for Children, 516 Carew St., Springfield, 01104.

Maryann Kane

Maryann (Tyburski) Kane, 54, of 108 River Road, Agawam, died at home.

Born in Springfield on January 11, 1942, she was the daughter of Stanley E. and the late Madeline Walsh Tyburski.

She has lived in Agawam all her life. She was a nine-year Clerk in the Business Office of Agawam's Medical West.

She was a graduate of Agawam High School and Westfield State College. She was active in arts and crafts through painting and quilting.

She was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church.

She leaves a son, Brian M. Kane of Agawam; a daughter, Karen M. Kane of Agawam; her father, Stanley E. Tyburski of Agawam; and a brother, Edward S. Tyburski of Agawam.

The funeral was held at the Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home and in the church, with burial in Agawam Center Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Hospice for Pioneer Valley, 50 Maple Street, P.O. Box 9058, Springfield, MA 01102, or to the American Cancer Society, 53 Capital Drive, West Springfield, MA 01089.

Dorcas M. Maas

Dorcas M. (Turner) Maas, 73, of 26 Haskell St., Agawam, died at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield. She was a clerk and cashier at the former Edward and Arthur Drug Stores for 30 years.

Born in Springfield, she lived here most of her life. She attended the Agawam Congregational Church, and was in the Golden Age Club and the Senior Class at BMC.

Her husband, Ferdinand Maas, died in 1984. She leaves a daughter, Susan T. Misialek of Westford; a brother, James of Agawam, and a grandson.

The funeral was in the Agawam Congregational Church, with the burial at Hillcrest Park Cemetery in Springfield. Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home was in charge.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Westford Ambulance Fund, P.O. Box 197, Westford, 01886.

Agawam Veterans' Graves To Be Flagged For Veterans' Day

The Agawam Veterans' Council has scheduled Saturday, November 2nd (rain date - Sunday, November 3rd) as the date to replace worn and tattered flags in all Agawam cemeteries in time for our Veterans' Day observance.


We plan to invite Agawam Girl Scouts to help, and all residents interested in helping out are invited to join in.

The group will meet at the Springfield Street Cemetery at 9:00 a.m. Following the flagging of those graves, we will proceed to the Agawam Center Cemetery on Main Street to finish the project.


Please call Veterans' Services at Town Hall at 786-0400, ext. 236, if you plan to help, or be at the Springfield Street Cemetery at 9:00 a.m.

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ZBA Members To Tour Sites Of Other Cement Plants Before Making Decision

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

The members of the Board of Appeals will visit concrete batching plants in Springfield and Wilbraham before ruling on a special permit application that would allow a similar operation in the industrial park on Moylan Lane.

Appeals Board Chairman Ronald Hebert said the public hearing on the application of Dauphinais & Sons, Company for a special permit will reconvene on Thursday, November 7th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Middle School Cafeteria.

Dauphinais & Sons is seeking a special permit to construct a concrete batching plant on a site adjacent to the proposed Berkshire Power project, but their attorney maintains a special permit is not needed.

Attorney Michael Callan said the company had applied for a special permit following the instructions of the building inspector even though they believe a special permit is not required.

Callan said a concrete batching plant would be an allowed use of the property under the town's zoning code in the Industrial B zone. Callan said the zoning code requires a special permit for the manufacture of cement, but his client will not be manufacturing cement at the site.

Callan said the proposed facility would be used for the mixing of concrete using cement, stones, gravel, and water. The cement will be manufactured at another location.

Vincent Dauphinais said the plant would operate during the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and the number of trucks loaded with concrete would vary, depending on the workload. Some days the plant would be idle, and a busy day would result in 40 to 50 batches of concrete being mixed and loaded onto the trucks, he said.

Asked if the concrete batching plant was being planned to service the proposed Berkshire Power plant, Dauphinais responded that the power plant was not their only potential customer and cited

the additions planned at five of the town's schools as potential customers.

"... Caught In The Middle ..."

Leading the fight against the Berkshire Power project, Concerned Citizens And Businesses of Agawam president Kenneth Forni of Franklin Street Extension told Dauphinais, "We're fighting the whole shebang and you're caught in the middle of it. We have legitimate concerns with noise, safety, and traffic in the area."

Forni questioned what would be proposed next for the industrial park. "The power plant is the first thing; the cement plant is the second thing. What will be the third thing?"

Bern Goodman, whose Springfield Corrugated Box abuts the side of the proposed concrete plant, said he was concerned with the safety and welfare of his employees.

"When we came to the industrial park, we were made promises it would be a light industrial area and those promises haven't been kept," Goodman said.

Representing Five Star Transportation on Shoemaker Lane, an abutter to the industrial park, Attorney Norman Michael said his client was concerned that dust from the concrete plant could cause engine problems in their school buses and could cause problems with his client's contractual requirements to provide clean buses to the school districts they serve.

Callan said the proposed concrete facility would have a state-of-the-art dust filtration system that would eliminate 99.9 percent of dust while in operation. Noise from the plant would reach levels of 80 decibels at 10 feet from the plant. A wall air conditioning unit produces noise at a level of 60 decibels, Callan said.

Dauphinais said his firm has supplied concrete to many building projects in Agawam without any complaints.



STATE REP. CANDIDATE Robert Magovern accompanied Governor William Weld during his visit to Springfield where the Governor eliminated the tolls on the Mass Pike in the Western part of the state.

Gov. Weld Endorses Magovern In Race For State Representative

Robert A. Magovern, candidate for State Representative, received the official endorsement of Governor William Weld in his race for the Third Hampden District.

"I have known Bob since I first ran for Governor in 1986. His support over the years for the Weld/Celluci team has earned him my support in his efforts to become a state representative."

Governor Weld went on to say that Bob's leadership role in trying to come up with innovative ways to increase revenue for education, such as a technology park for Agawam, is "part of the hallmark a good legislator should have."

Robert Magovern, who is trying to unseat Daniel Keenan of Blandford, has proposed that a high technology park be built in Agawam. A successful technology park would bring to Agawam increased revenue to fund improvements for the school system. Mr. Magovern, who has been involved in sales and marketing for over 25 years, said, "It not only takes planning and organization, but someone who can go out and sell an idea. With the years I have had in sales, I know that Agawam has what it needs to become a technology center for the future."

Magovern restated his views on education. "Education has and always will be the cornerstone of our great nation. My family has been involved in education for generations. My grandmother and mother were both teachers and my sister is presently a teacher in the Agawam school system."

"Through them, I have learned the realities of the teaching profession. I plan to work with the schools to make the education system in our district the best it can be. In order to accomplish what is needed, it takes funding. **We need a representative who is a leader, not a follower, to help develop programs for our district.**"

Governor Weld went on to say, "Bob would be an asset for the Third Hampden District in the State House."

The Veterans' Corner

by Ruth C. Bitzas
Veterans' Agent
Agawam Town Hall — 786-0400, Ext. 236

Types Of Services And Benefits Summary

(continued from last week)

HOSPITALIZATION AND DOMICILIARY CARE ASSIST WITH APPLICATIONS FOR...

- Clinics.
- Emergency medical care.
- Veterans' Affairs medical centers.
- State hospitals and soldiers' homes.
- Other federal hospitals.

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INSURANCE MATTERS

- U.S. government insurance (applications).
- U.S. indemnity insurance (conversions).
- National service life insurance (disability, reinstatements, waivers).
- Assists with filing for U.S. government death benefits.
- Health insurance coverage.

LOAN GUARANTEE (U.S. Department of Veterans' Affairs, Manchester Office)

- Applications.
- Appraisals.
- Certificate of eligibility.
- Expediting.
- Foreclosure difficulties.
- Restoring entitlement.

MEDICAL PROBLEMS

- Local, state, and federal facilities.
- Emergency and routine exams.
- Dental.
- Agent Orange.
- Alcohol and substance abuse.
- Counseling (referral).
- Veterans' Affairs authorizations.

NOTARY SERVICE

- Needed for various documents.
- (Next week: continuation of "Types Of Services And Benefits.")

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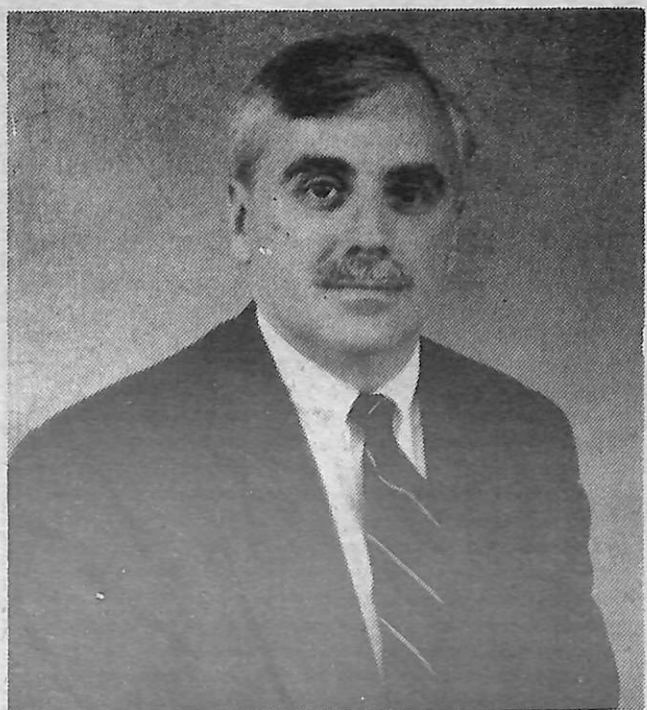


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ABE KASPARIAN

Agawam Democrats Offer Congratulations To Abe Kasparian

The Agawam Democratic Town Committee proudly congratulates Abe Kasparian for his primary victory for County Commissioner.

Kasparian, a member of the Democratic Town Committee, will be on the ballot in the November election.

The members of the Town Committee fully endorse Kasparian for County Commissioner and urge Agawam voters to cast their votes for him.

Town Democrats To Hold Pre-Election Pep Rally On Oct. 28th

The Agawam Democratic Committee is pleased to announce its sponsorship of a pre-election Democratic pep rally on Monday, October 28th, at 7:00 p.m. at E.B.'s Restaurant on Walnut Street Extension in Agawam.

The pep rally will be preceded by the monthly meeting of the Agawam Democratic Town Committee at 6:00 p.m. All enrolled Democrats are invited to the meeting, and everyone is invited to the pep rally.

Bring your family and friends to enjoy E.B.'s award-winning food and celebrate Democratic unity and our victories to come on Election Day — November 5, 1996. Admission is \$5 at the door and includes E.B.'s award-winning cuisine and other surprises.

For further information, contact ADC chair Catherine Willis at 789-1360, ADC treasurer Attorney Gina Letellier at 739-2112, or ADC secretary Louis Russo at 786-9107.

Fire Wise...

by Fire Chief David Pisano
Safety Tips For Halloween

Stephen D. Coan, State Fire Marshal for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, offers the following tips for a safe and happy Halloween:

COSTUMES:

- Children should carry a flashlight and their costumes should be bright-colored or have reflective tape to highlight them.
- Be sure all parts of the costume are labeled flame-retardant.
- Costumes should not have trailing material or tails long enough to cause falls.
- Pointed objects such as swords and devil's forks should be made of soft material.
- If your child wears a mask instead of makeup on their face, double-check that the eyeholes are large enough to see through clearly.
- Children should wear sturdy shoes and temperature-appropriate clothing underneath their costumes.

DECORATIONS:

- Use a small flashlight in pumpkins instead of a candle.
- Only use flame-proof crepe paper.
- Keep dried leaves and cornstalks away from all flames and heat sources.

FIREWORKS:

Firecrackers, cherry bombs, and party poppers cause many injuries and fires on Halloween. These are dangerous and should not be used by children, teens, or adults.

Besides the physical danger and the fire hazards involved, fireworks are illegal in Massachusetts.

RECEIVING TRICK-OR-TREATERS:

Make sure your own home is well-lit and that there is a clear path to your door. Bicycles and lawn furniture can trip youngsters in the dark.

CHECKING TREATS:

- Throwing out anything that appears tampered with — including homemade foods or home-

packaged foods — unless you are certain of the source.

- Inspect fruit closely and take away treats that may not be age-appropriate. Young children may choke on things like hard candy or peanuts.

CHANGE YOUR CLOCK, CHANGE YOUR BATTERY:

Each year around Halloween, we turn the clocks back one hour. This is a good time to also change the batteries in your smoke detectors.

This year, buy batteries along with your Halloween candy, and on Saturday, October 26th, change your clocks and change your batteries.

TRICK-OR-TREATING:

- Smaller children should always be with an adult. It's best to take little ones out early.
- If older children are going out without you, go over the ground rules first!
- Know what neighborhoods they will be in.
- Don't allow them in areas with which you are not completely comfortable.
- Have the children stay in a group.
- Let them know what time to be home.
- Give them a dime to use the telephone if necessary.

INSTRUCT CHILDREN TO:

- Use sidewalks.
 - Cross only at the corners; never dart out between parked cars.
 - Cover one side of the street at a time (no criss-crossing).
 - Never go inside someone's home unless it is a friend's.
 - Never accept a ride in a car.
 - Only approach houses where the outside lights are on as a signal of welcome.
 - Bring their bags home to be checked by an adult before eating a single treat.
- For further information, contact the Agawam Fire Department at 786-2662.

Keenan Chairs Public Hearing On Eliminating Taxation Of Military Pensions

State Representative Daniel F. Keenan, member of the Special Commission to Investigate the Taxation of Military Pensions, chaired a public hearing on the issue of eliminating taxation of military pensions in Springfield on Wednesday, October 16th.

Rep. Keenan, one of six legislators serving on the commission, pressed for a hearing to be held in Western Massachusetts to gain testimony from military retirees in the region.

"The hearing in Springfield and others around the state are indispensable in providing valuable insights into the effects of our taxation policies

on various constituencies," said Rep. Keenan. "We are committed to finding an equitable solution to the inconsistencies in our taxation system."

Approximately 60 to 70 veterans attended the hearing to testify before the commission. At issue is the state's taxation of all pensions to which employees did not contribute, specifically military pensions.

"The men and women who have served our country with loyalty and honor deserve fair and honest treatment under Massachusetts law," concluded Rep. Keenan.

Agawam Lions Club Sponsoring Harvest Pancake Breakfast On Nov. 10th

The Agawam Lions will sponsor its Harvest Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, November 10th, at the Agawam Lions Club, Eastern States Exposition Grounds, West Springfield, with servings from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Cost for adults is \$3.75 and \$2 for children.

All profits will go to the Lions' scholarship and

other projects. Community support is necessary for the Lions to continue their humanitarian projects.

Tickets can be purchased from any member of the Lions Club or at the door. They are looking forward to seeing you there.

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IN PHOTO LEFT, Heritage Hall Nursing Home residents Teresa Moriarty and Michael Briotta begin making their own ice cream the old-fashioned way in the South Building; IN PHOTO RIGHT, resident Charlie Denver participates in Heritage Hall's version of a day at the horses. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Dr. Tami Nelson To Be Featured Speaker At Oct. 28th Meeting Of Ag. Women's Club

The Agawam Women's Club will be holding its next meeting on October 28th. The featured speaker for this meeting will be Dr. Tami Nelson. Her presentation, "Holiday Stress Busters," is just in time for the upcoming, busy holiday season.

The club welcomes women to join them at the

Captain Charles Leonard House on Main Street in Agawam at 7:00 p.m.

If you would like to come and listen and have refreshments or possibly see whether you may be interested in becoming a member, please do so. There is absolutely no obligation to attend this meeting.

Check our classified pages today...



BABY LUKE D. RHEAULT

Rheaults Announce Birth Of Sixth Child, Luke D. On Oct. 5th

Brian & April Rheault are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Luke Donald Rheault, born October 5th at 1:06 p.m.

Luke weighed eight pounds, 14 ounces, and was 22 inches long.

He was welcomed home by brothers Matthew (11½), Christopher (10), Caleb (8), and Ethan (6½), and his sister, Faith (2).

Proud grandparents are Howard & Shirley Hadden, now the grandparents of 22, and Don & Joan Rheault, who boast nine grandchildren.

Christine Molloy To Wed Daniel Arnold

Dennis and Jeanne Molloy of Feeding Hills have announced the engagement of their daughter, Christine J. Molloy of Monson, to Daniel R. Arnold, also of Monson. He is the son of Armand and Sarah Arnold of Altamont, Tennessee. Their wedding has been set for October 25, 1997.

The bride-to-be is a 1989 graduate of Agawam High School and a 1993 graduate of UMass at Amherst. She is presently employed as a registered nurse in Springfield for the Visiting Nurse and Hospice of Pioneer Valley, as well as a registered nurse at the UMass Psychiatric Secure Rehabilitation Unit in Springfield.

The prospective bridegroom is a 1989 graduate of Monson High School and a 1993 graduate of UMass at Amherst. He is currently employed as a social worker at the Center For Human Development in Springfield.

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THE AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL CLASS of 1946 recently gathered for its 50-year reunion at Alexander's Restaurant in Feeding Hills. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



COMMITTEE MEMBERS of the Agawam High Class of 1946 who planned the 50-year reunion. Back row, from left - Stewart Safford, Martha Breuninger Popowich, and Raoul Sands. Front row - Joseph Tangocci, Marie Paro Viens, Elsie Wood Gosselin, and Phyllis Campbell Gosselin. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



AGAWAM HIGH Class of 1946 members who traveled the furthest to attend the 50-year reunion included, back row from left - William Wells (FLA), John Sullivan (FLA), Henry Dickinson (Vermont), and Edward Green (California). Front row - Coralie Malley Southworth (FLA), Marion Lauritsen Anderson (Arizona), and Marjorie Pearsall Hynes (South Carolina). Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Senior Center's November Calendar

Friday, November 1st: "Thanksgiving Day" dinner reservations open; 12:30 p.m., "Friends" annual open meeting. All are welcome (members and non-members). Join the organization that earns money for the Senior Center so that we can all enjoy the best there is.

Saturday, November 2nd: 5:30 p.m., bingo.

Monday, November 4th: 1:00 p.m., bingo.

Tuesday, November 5th: 9:00 a.m., SHINE representative available to help you with your health insurance questions; 11:30 a.m., birthdays and anniversaries celebrated (reservations, please); 12:30 p.m., movie on the great screen.

Wednesday, November 6th: Podiatry with Dr. Dickert (by appointment); 1:30 p.m., Golden Agers' meeting, Chapter II.

Friday, November 8th: 12:30 p.m., program courtesy of CVS Pharmacy ("Wise Use of Medicine and Prescription Drugs") with pharmacists Ray Provost and Bill Bordeaux.

Saturday, November 9th: 5:30 p.m., bingo.

Monday, November 11th: Veterans' Day (Senior Center closed).

Tuesday, November 12th: 12:30 p.m., movie on the great screen.

Wednesday, November 13th: 10:00 a.m., SALT Council meeting (open to the public; come give your input on the safety of your neighborhood); 1:30 p.m., Golden Agers' meeting, Chapter I.

Thursday, November 14th: 9:00 a.m., podiatry with Dr. Salem (by appointment); 8:00 p.m., Bay Path presentation of "Crazy For You" (\$5 per person).

Friday, November 15th: 12:30 p.m., special program presented by Sgt. Steve Draghetti, who represents SALT "Crime Prevention and Home Security" (this is a program seniors can't afford to miss).

Saturday, November 16th: 5:30 p.m., bingo.

Monday, November 18th: 9:30 a.m., Weldon Center Hearing Van (free hearing tests by appointment).

Tuesday, November 19th: 9:00 a.m., SHINE representative (by appointment); 12:30 p.m., movie.

Wednesday, November 20th: 1:30 p.m., Golden Agers' meeting, Chapter II.

Thursday, November 21st: 9:00 a.m., foot care nurses available.

Friday, November 22nd: Special Thanksgiving dinner with great entertainment - "Intimate Sounds."

Saturday, November 23rd: 5:30 p.m., bingo.

Monday, November 25th: AARP meeting (come join the "in" group).

Tuesday, November 26th: Movie.

Wednesday, November 27th: 1:30 p.m., Golden Agers' meeting, Chapter I.

Thursday, November 28th: Senior Center closed.

Saturday, November 30th: 5:30 p.m., bingo.

Agawam Senior Center Community Service
It's that time again when the senior citizens of Agawam and the surrounding area participate in projects that benefit the community.

During the pre-holiday season, there will be a receptacle for non-perishable food products to benefit the needy families in our town. We are asking, on behalf of the Agawam Junior Women's Club, for help on this project so that other families may enjoy the holidays.

Ziti/Meatball Dinner Being Served By VFW On Saturday, Oct. 26th

A 50/50 benefit ziti and meatball dinner for Heidi Baron and "in memory" of Chris Twarkins will be held on Saturday, October 26th, from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Agawam VFW (South Street).

There will also be raffles, and all proceeds will be divided between Heidi and Chris' families.

The donation is \$5 per person and tickets must be purchased in advance; no tickets will be sold at the door.

Tickets may be purchased at the VFW on South Street or by calling Lisa, 789-7119, or Linda, 786-3037.

Boy Scout Troop 78 To Sponsor "Haunted House" On Oct. 25th

Boy Scout Troop 78 will sponsor a "Haunted House" on Friday, October 25, 1996 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. at the Springfield Turnverein, 176 Garden Street, Feeding Hills.

The donation is \$1.

Thank you in advance for your generosity. For further information, contact the activities department (Sandra Smith at 786-0400, ext. 242).

"Box Top Drive" For Kids

The Senior Center is pitching in to help Robinson Park School's PTO in collecting all General Mills cereal box tops.

The purpose is to raise enough money to purchase a much-needed playscape for the children. A total of 66,667 box tops are needed to receive the maximum assistance from General Foods.

After December, the only acceptable box tops will be "Big G Box Tops For Education." The collection will be ongoing until March 1997.

Thanks in advance from all of us who care at the Senior Center.

It's "Show Time" Again!!!

Bay Path College is once again offering a large discount for seniors to attend another of their magnificent productions.

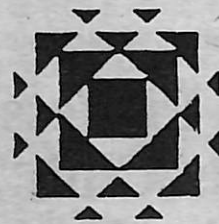
"Crazy For You" is the current show and is scheduled for Thursday, November 14th, at 8:00 p.m. The cost of admission is only \$5 per person. Tickets are available at the Senior Center activities department.

About the show: this will be one of the first collegiate productions of what was billed in New York as "The New Gershwin Musical." Winner of the 1992 Tony Award for Best Musical, the show is a remake of the original 1934 production which featured star performances by "newcomers" Ginger Rogers and Ethel Merman.

Familiar music from the show includes the songs "Embraceable You," "But Not For Me," "They Can't Take That Away From Me," "Someone To Watch Over Me," and many more.

"Crazy For You" will be presented in the Mills Theatre on the Bay Path campus. For further information, call 786-0400, ext. 242, and ask for Sandra Smith, activities director.

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Calendar Of November Events For Agawam Golden Age Clubs

November 1st: Chapter 1 — Board of Directors' meeting at 1:00 p.m. at the Senior Center.

November 6th: Chapter 2 — Regular meeting at 1:30 p.m. with the following guest speaker — a representative from the "Ronald McDonald House."

November 7th: Chapter 2 — A trip to Lantanas Restaurant in Randolph, MA, to enjoy "Bobby Mercer And His 13-Member Show Band."

November 10th-14th: Chapter 2 — A five-day trip to the "Excalibur Resort" in Las Vegas.

November 13th: Chapter 1 — Regular meeting at 1:30 p.m. with gift bingo.

November 20th: Chapter 2 — Regular meeting at 1:30 p.m. with the following guest speaker — Rusty Jenks, Agawam's former Fire Chief, who'll be speaking on a Fire Museum.

November 22nd: Chapter 2 — Board of Directors' meeting at 1:00 p.m. at the Senior Center.

November 27th: Chapter 1 — Regular meeting at 1:30 p.m. (program to be announced at a later date).

Ag. Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, October 28th: Meatloaf with gravy, baked potato, corn, oatmeal bread, pears.

Tuesday, October 29th: Pizza, escarole soup, tossed salad, vanilla pudding.

Wednesday, October 30th: Turkey pot pie, butternut squash, biscuit, mixed fruit.

Thursday, October 31st: Stir-fry chicken and vegetables on white rice, rye bread, pineapple chunks.

Friday, November 1st: Clam chowder, tuna salad on a roll, cole slaw, rye bread, cookie.

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The next signup for November 15th will take place on October 26th at St. John's, Main Street, Agawam, between 11:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon, and also on November 5th between 10:00 and 11:00 a.m. at St. David's, 522 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills.

For further information, call Jane Tuohey, 789-4674.

Business & Professional Women's Club To Hold 'Festive Fashions'

Tickets are now available for the Springfield Business and Professional Women's Club "Festive Fashions" Fashion Show being held on Tuesday, November 12th, at Chez Josef in Agawam at 6:30 p.m.

This year's Fashion Commentator is Brenda Garton, News Anchorwoman from WWLP-TV, Channel 22. Springfield BPW members will model fashions from August Max Woman and Gantos, both in Holyoke, Dress Barn in West Springfield, and Mr. Tux in Springfield.

To accompany the fashions being shown during the evening, piano music will be provided by Joan Stack. Hairstyles will be courtesy of Noir Et Blanc in Springfield, and makeup will be provided by Mary Kay Consultant, Suzanne Rioux.

Tickets may be purchased by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope along with a check made payable to Springfield BPW *no later than November 5th* to: Michele Buczek, c/o Springfield BPW, P.O. Box 2284, Springfield, MA 01001, or by calling (413) 787-8945.

The evening will begin at 5:30 p.m. with cocktails, followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. and then the exciting fashion show at 8:00 p.m. There will also be door prizes awarded that have been donated by local businesses.

Springfield BPW has been a vital organization of "women supporting women" since it first began in 1917.

Agawam Jr. Women's Club Urges Everyone To Vote On Nov. 5th

On November 5th, the Agawam Junior Women's Club urges everyone to get out and vote. For those citizens who feel their vote does not make a difference, please read the following message that was printed in the March 1992 edition of the **VOTER**:

"In 1980, about 22 percent of the eligible voters cast ballots for Jimmy Carter; about 27 percent voted for Ronald Reagan; some 46 percent of those eligible simply stayed home and didn't vote at all. Many people explain their failure to vote by saying: I'm just one person. My little old vote doesn't make a difference."

There is a lot of historical evidence to the contrary:

- In 1645, one vote gave Oliver Cromwell control of England.

- In 1649, one vote caused King Charles I of England to be executed.

- In 1776, one vote gave America the English language instead of German. Later on, first Thomas Jefferson and then John Quincy Adams were elected by one-vote margins in the Electoral College.

- In 1839, Marcus Morton was elected governor of Massachusetts by one vote.

- In 1845, one vote's difference brought Texas into the Union. A single vote also admitted California, Oregon, and Washington to statehood.

- In 1868, President Andrew Johnson's impeachment was defeated by a single vote.

- In 1876, with the Presidential election thrown into the House, Rutherford B. Hayes won by a single vote: it was cast by an Indiana Congressman who himself had been elected by a one-vote margin. That same year, one vote changed France from a monarchy to a republic.

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- John F. Kennedy's margin of victory over Richard Nixon in 1960 was less than one vote per precinct.

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This message is being brought to you by the Agawam Junior Women's Club.

K Of C Benefit Dance To Take Place At Polish Club Nov. 2nd

The J.F.K. Council 5585 Knights of Columbus will be having a benefit dance. The proceeds will go toward the Richard J. Reiker Memorial Scholarship that was established this year by the council.

It will take place at the Polish American Club, Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, on Saturday, November 2nd, from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m. Music will be provided by DJ "Karaoke Kid Productions."

Tickets are \$7.50 and may be purchased in advance. Please call to reserve a table in advance if you have a large group.

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West Spfld. Elks Announce Country West/October Fest

Bring your ghouls, ghosts, and spooky spirits to the West Springfield Elks' Country West/October Fest to be held at the West Springfield Elks Lodge, 429 Morgan Road, West Springfield, MA, on October 26th and 27th from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The Country West/October Fest will feature a spectacular craft show, pony rides, and hayrides. Live country western music by "Broken Spoke" and a chicken barbecue will be featured on Saturday evening from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

A fun-filled Halloween costume contest and parade will take place on Sunday, October 27th, at 1:00 p.m. Prizes will be given out for the most original, funniest, scariest, and ugliest costumes in each age category: 2-5 years, 6-9 years, and 10-12 years. Pre-registration is required; you may do this by calling (413) 593-5349 before October 24th.

Country West/October Fest will take place rain or shine. Admission and parking are free. The Elks Lodge is located off of Riverdale Road up the hill from Abdow's Restaurant.

For additional information, please call (413) 593-5349.

"Home Party Express" To Take Place At Capt. Leonard House

The public is cordially invited to attend the fourth annual "Home Party Express," sponsored by the Springfield Christian School. This event will take place at the Captain Charles Leonard House, 663 Main Street, Agawam, on Saturday, November 2nd, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Crafts and gifts of all sorts will be available for sale by order and cash and carry. Ten different vendors will be represented, and orders will be filled by December 7th. What're more, there will be no shipping and handling charges!

There will also be a bake sale and door prizes at the "Home Party Express." If you have any questions, please call 786-6356.

State Rep. Candidates To Air Views At Next AARP Meeting

The Agawam/Feeding Hills Chapter of A.A.R.P. will hold its next monthly meeting on October 28th at 1:00 p.m. at the Agawam Senior Center.

Our guest speakers will be State Representative candidates Daniel Keenan and Robert Magovern. After the presentation, a question and answer period will follow.

The A.A.R.P. urges all members to attend this meeting and bring a friend. Newcomers 50 and over are welcome.

Please remember to bring food donations for the needy to this meeting.

Annual COA Dinner At Chez Josef Slated For October 30th

Tickets are now available for the annual Friends/Council on Aging Dinner. The banquet will be held on Wednesday, October 30th at Chez Josef.

The social hour will begin at 6:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 7:00 p.m.

The cost of tickets is \$20 per person, and tickets are available at the Agawam Senior Center, from Friends Board members, and from the members of the Agawam Council on Aging. Choice of meals include beef, chicken, or scrod.

The evening will feature guest speaker Darcy Davis, retired and acclaimed director of the Agawam High School Band. He will recount anecdotes on his travels with the band.

In addition to the guest speaker, Friends will bestow its annual Friendship Award to Harold "Joe" Davis who has volunteered countless hours to improve the lives of Agawam's seniors and others in the community. The Agawam Council on Aging will present the Andrew Gallano Award for meritorious service to Frank Paradiso for his work on behalf of the Golden Agers Chapter II and other senior groups.

For further information, call Lil Doyle at 786-9586.

Quail Run Estates Has Open House Set For Nov. 7th

Quail Run Estates Retirement Residence, 50 Cardinal Drive (off Cooper Street), Agawam, will be hosting a Dessert Extravaganza and Open House on Thursday, November 7th from 2:00-4:00 p.m.

As a way of welcoming you to Quail Run Estates, tempting desserts and a tour of the beautiful building will be featured. You'll feel right at home in the gracious, yet comfortable surroundings.

For more information, call (413) 786-9688. It will be a sweet time to remember!

Boy Scout Troop 78 To Hold Halloween Dance On October 25th

Boy Scout Troop 78 will sponsor a Halloween Dance on Friday, October 25, 1996 from 8:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight at the Springfield Turnverein, 176 Garden Street, Feeding Hills.

The music will be provided by DJ Bobby Hamel. Donation is \$5 with a costume, and \$7 if not wearing a costume.

This dance is for ADULTS ONLY.

Senior Games Athletes Plan Breakfast On Sunday, Oct. 27th

The Agawam Senior Games Athletes will hold a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, October 27th at the Agawam Senior Center, from 8:00 a.m. through 12:00 noon.

Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children under 12.

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The public is welcome and encouraged to attend on Friday, November 1st, for "early buying privileges."

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'Terror In The Tunnel' Is Halloween Fun At Eastern States Expo.

Dracula's crypt, Frankenstein's lab, a witch's hovel, and a ghost mansion are just a few of the many scenes of fright and horror on exhibit at the Eastern States Exposition.

Be warned. "Terror In The Tunnel" is not a peaceful walk-through and look. Twenty-five live actors will fill the tunnel under the Exposition Coliseum to thrill and frighten you in this newest of area "Haunted Houses."

Produced by Frank Campiti, the haunting will be presented for one weekend only, Friday and Saturday nights, October 25th and 26th from 6:00-11:00 p.m.

Beware of the Mummy's Curse, the crazed Jack'n the Box, the madman in the dungeon. All the sights and sounds of your favorite horror characters will be on hand to send you screaming back into the night and to the safety of your beds.

Not recommended for very young children or adults with heart conditions, "Terror In The Tunnel" is only \$5 per person with no refunds if you have to leave before the end.

DAR Meeting Slated For November 5th

Mercy Warren Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, will hold its November meeting in the Guild Rooms of Faith United Church, 52 Sumner Avenue, Springfield, on Tuesday, November 5th, at 1:00 p.m., preceded by a tea at 12:15 p.m.

We will hear "The Story of the Air Force Junior ROTC Program," especially at Central High School, from its director, Thomas E. Cleland, Jr., Col. USAF Retired. The strengths of this program lie in motivating and fostering self-confidence among its high school members.

The meeting will be under the direction of Regent Shirley Gentry of West Springfield.

Anyone interested in membership in the Mercy Warren Chapter is welcome and should contact Marian Roan in Longmeadow, 567-5771; Shirley Gentry in West Springfield, 733-5484; or Jodie McGuinness in Westfield, 562-0957.

Check our classified

Women Marine Assoc. To Hold Fall Meeting On Saturday, Oct. 26th

The Peg Parda Chapter MA-2 of the Women Marine Association is holding its annual membership drive. Membership is open to women who are serving or have served honorably in the U.S. Marine Corps.

Membership chairman Rose Haynes states, "The purpose of our chapter is to promote the welfare of elderly, disabled, and needy women Marines, to provide assistance to hospitalized veterans of the armed forces, and last, but not least, to encourage the spirit of comradeship among women in the U.S. Marines. Won't you join us in preserving and promoting the history and traditions of women Marines?"

The Peg Parda Chapter MA-2 meets three times a year at the Marine Corps League building, North Elm Street, Westfield, with the fall meeting to be held October 26th.

For more information, contact Rose Haynes at 786-2597.

Local Boy Scouts Complete Half-Day Training Program

Four local Boy Scouts from Troop 75 at Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills completed a half-day training program on September 21st to prepare them to serve as den chiefs with Cub Scout Pack 75's boys.

Among the boys who completed the course are Casey Fennyery, Dan Silva, Rob Campanella, and John Barnes.

The program, which was conducted by Bob Fiedler, included such topics as songs and games, responsibilities of a den chief, the differences between Cub Scouts and Webelos, and how to work with the Webelos den leader. As den chiefs, the boys will help in the preparation for pack meetings, teach Boy Scout skills, assist the Cub Scouts with their electives, and work toward the arrow of light.

The den chiefs' training develops important leadership skills for the Boy Scouts and offers the Cub Scouts positive peer role models, while motivating the Cub Scouts to develop their own leadership potential.

Troop 75 Scoutmaster Hugh McBride said, "It is gratifying to see the initiative and responsibility demonstrated by these Scouts. It can be all too easy for adults to dominate the leadership roles in youth organizations and, as a result, we tend to see a reluctance on the part of the young people to take on such roles as they get older and become involved in their community's growth and prosperity. We must create more opportunities for our young people to provide positive leadership for future generations."

Major J. Kukowski Receives Medal From U.S. Air Force

Air Force Maj. John T. Kukowski, Jr. has been decorated with the Meritorious Service Medal.

The medal is awarded for outstanding non-combat meritorious achievement for service to the United States.

Major Kukowski's leadership and dedication to duty ensured the highest quality of men and women were recruited into the United States Air Force. As Chief, Resource Branch, he accomplished the most extensive facility reorganization and upgrade ever undertaken. As a result of these new locations, the Health Professions Team recruiting efforts improved significantly.

It is his third award.

Kukowski is a navigator/instructor at Randolph Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

He is the son of John Kukowski of 23 Robin Lane, Feeding Hills, and Harriet Howland of 31 Starling Road, Springfield.

The major is a 1982 graduate of Western New England College, Springfield.

Airman David Demers Graduates Basic

Air Force Reserve Airman 1st Class David J. Demers has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and customs and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Demers is the son of Pamela S. Walters of 3 Centerwood Drive, Agawam, and Robert H. Demers of 11 Columbus Ave., Holyoke.

He is a 1996 graduate of Agawam High School.

Sr. Ctr. Friends To Meet Nov. 1st

The Friends of the Agawam Senior Center has scheduled its annual meeting for Friday, November 1, 1996, at 12:30 p.m. at the Agawam Senior Center.

The Board of Directors of "Friends" will be elected at the annual meeting for a term of one year to start on January 1st and to end on December 31st.

Members of "Friends" are urged to attend the annual meeting. Anyone interested in serving as a director should contact President Lillian Doyle at 786-9586.

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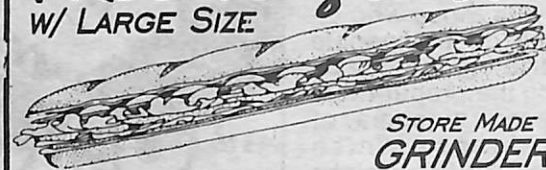
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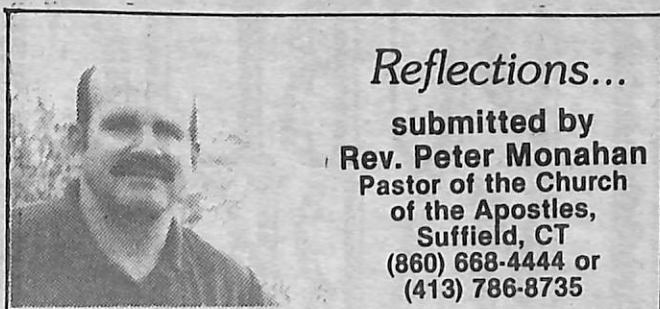
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What Would You Ask God If You Met Him?

Have you ever wondered what one question you might ask of God, if you were to see Him face to face? Some people might want to ask God why an event occurred, perhaps something which caused them or others pain. Others wonder about things in nature.

The contemporaries of Jesus had their questions, too. One day a group of them, known as Sadducees, approached Jesus with their question. Their question was actually pretty good. They wanted to know which among God's commandments was the most important.

Jesus replied, **"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it; Love your neighbor as yourself. All the Law and the prophets hang on these two commandments."**

Responding to the Sadducees, Jesus drew upon Moses' explanation of the Ten Commandments. He quoted Moses' words from Deuteronomy 6:5 and Leviticus 19:18.

Throughout Scripture, God's instructions for mankind have been consistent, straightforward, and simple. "Love God and love people." But, someone might wonder, what if I don't feel love for God, or for some people? How can we have feelings that just aren't there?

In the Greek language, there are a couple of words which are translated as "love" in English. One describes what we feel, another describes what we do.

When the Bible commands us to love, whether God or people, the word that is used is "agape." "Agape" is the Greek word which describes what we do.

God does not command us to feel anything. In contrast to what we might normally think, the premise of the Bible is that our feelings will follow our actions, rather than the other way around.

In Psalm 1, we read, **"Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers. But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on His law he meditates day and night."**

Notice the list of words describing activity of some sort: walk, stand, sit, meditate.

"Walking in the counsel of the wicked" is taking or acting upon evil advice. "Standing in the way of sinners" means to keep company with people who practice sin. "Sitting in the seat of mockers" speaks of sharing our lives with those who attempt to destroy people by ridiculing them or by ruining their reputation.

These are some of the things which destroy faith, poison our hearts, and undermine our ability to love other people or the God who made us all.

The person who would love God and be blessed by Him does not need to feel anything at first. Such a person is one who seeks to know God's ways as He reveals them in the Bible and to act upon them.

God promises to bless anybody who will seek Him on His terms. Whatever one might think or feel, each of us can act according to God's instructions laid out in Psalm 1, and so begin the journey of faith.

Foliage Viewing Is Spectacular From Valley Comm. Church

Valley Community Church warmly invites the entire community to travel up their newly-paved hill to see the gorgeous colors of fall. But don't wait too long, as God provides this wondrous beauty just for a fleeting moment. And then it will be gone as we await the onslaught of winter's icy breath.

If you want to see beautiful colors at their best, plan to come up just as the sun is rising and watch it glisten on the frost-covered leaves. If you happen to travel up on Sunday morning to see this grand sight, may we then offer you some warmth by attending our Worship Service at 9:30 a.m.

The inspiring and understandable messages from Pastor Steve (Dennehy) along with the friendly and outgoing congregation guarantee that you will be warmed both in body and soul.

Here are just some of the great opportunities taking place for everyone this week:

Sunday, October 27th: 9:30 a.m., Worship Service and Children's Sunday School (this week's message will be taken from Matthew 22:34-46); 10:30 a.m., Fellowship Time; 11:00 a.m., Bible character study on Daniel.

Tuesday, October 29th: 6:30 p.m., Junior Choir Rehearsal.

Wednesday, October 30th: 7:00 p.m., Senior Choir Rehearsal.

Thursday, October 31st: 6:15 p.m., No Cub Scout meeting due to Halloween.

Valley Community Church is an interdenominational church consisting of members of various faiths, but with the unified belief that Jesus Christ is their personal Savior.

If you are searching for a church home, we invite you to join us for worship on Sunday. The church is located at 152 South Westfield Street in Feeding Hills.

14th Annual Memorial Mass For Deceased Members Of Agawam UNICO To Be Nov. 10

The 14th annual Memorial Mass for the deceased members of the Agawam Unico National will be held on Sunday, November 10th, at 5:00 p.m.

Services will be held at the St. Anthony of Padua Parish in Agawam. The Celebrant of the Mass will be the Rev. Albert E. Breton, Pastor of both St. Anthony and St. Theresa's Churches.

Also included this year will be the deceased

Weekly Calendar From Ag. Congregational

This Sunday, October 27th, is the 22nd Sunday after Pentecost. The Worship Service is at 10:30 a.m. at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam.

Rev. Fuller's Sermon will be: "How Long?" taken from the Text: Psalm 90:13. The Children's Message will be: "A Fresh Breeze."

This Sunday is Youth Communion for the seventh through 12th grade church school classes. A Communion Service will be held downstairs in the Youth Chapel at 9:15 a.m.

The Playgroups are in full swing. The groups meet on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.; newborns to kindergarten age are welcome to attend.

For more information concerning this group, contact the church office, 786-7111.

Country Line Dancing continues this Friday, October 25th. Kick up your heels from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.!

Keep Friday nights open to join "Millie and the Gang." Cost is \$5 each week at the door.

Church School is sponsoring a "Bring a Friend Sunday" on Sunday, November 3rd.

All church school classes — seventh through 12th grade at 9:15 a.m., and kindergarten through sixth grade at 10:30 a.m. — are welcome to bring a friend to their church school class on this Sunday.

ALL YOU CAN EAT PASTA DINNER - Saturday, November 16th, at 5:30 p.m. Menu includes: salad, ziti with meatsauce, Italian bread, ice cream & sauce, and beverages.

Cost is \$4 for adults and \$2.50 for children. For reservations, call the church office, 786-7111.

Reminder: The 456 Club & Jr. High Youth Groups meet each Friday night from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.



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Church News - continued...

Smorgasbord Saturday Night At Ag. Baptist



THE AGAWAM FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH held its Annual Harvest Smorgasbord earlier this month in the church hall. From left - Ruth Roberts, Nancy Velozo, and Leona Booska work on the dessert table while Dot Kent and Norma Nielson go through the serving line. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Laymen's Sunday At First Baptist Church

Laymen's Sunday will be celebrated at the 9:30 a.m. worship service this week at First Baptist. The men of the congregation will lead the entire morning service. Co-chairing this event are Everett Hodge and Ray Williams, Sr.

Classes for all ages will follow a coffee and conversation time in Davis Hall. Nursery care is always available during the morning's events.

Also on Sunday at 12:00 noon, members of our church will be joining with other groups in the area in the "Rays of Hope Walk," a walk toward the cure for breast cancer. Our team is entitled "The Caring Connection" and will be walking in memory of Connie Hollis. If you wish to be a sponsor, call Nancy Velozo at 739-6879.

Fathers and sons are asked to meet at the church at 2:00 p.m. to participate in a leaf-raking mission.

At 7:00 p.m., the Deacons will hold their monthly meeting in Lockhart Parlor.

Also on our calendar this week:

Monday, October 28th: 7:30 p.m., Bible Study at the home of Joanna Curran.

Tuesday, October 29th: 1:15 p.m., EZ Does It Aerobics Class; 7:00 p.m., Junior Youth Group.

Wednesday, October 30th: 7:15 a.m., MidWeek Prayer Time; 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Trading Post Open.

Thursday, October 31st: 1:15 p.m., EZ Does It Aerobics Class; 7:30 p.m., Choir Rehearsal.

Friday, November 1st: 7:00 p.m., Senior Youth Group.

The Trading Post, a consignment shop for good-as-new clothing which is located in lower Davis Hall, open on Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., will now be open as well on Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

If you find it impossible to shop on Wednesdays, stop by on Saturdays!

Country Line Dancing Continues At Agawam Congregational Church

Country line dancing is back at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam. Kick up your heels! Come on down and "Millie and the Gang" will teach all of your favorite country dances.

Classes for everyone will be held on Friday nights from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Dance partners are welcome, but not required. Hard soled shoes are recommended.

Cost is \$5 at the door. Refreshments will be available. Bring the family for a night of great people, great music, good times, and great exercise. For more information, please call (413) 786-7111.

News And Notes From F.H. Congregational

You are welcome to join with us at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, which is located at 21 N. Westfield Street in Feeding Hills.

Sunday School for adults and young people begins at 9:00 a.m. Worship, which will include the reception of new members, begins at 10:00 a.m.

Rev. Donaldson will give a sermon entitled "Gleaning for Grace." Children are welcome to attend the service with their parents, leaving at a designated time for a special project.

Nursery care will be provided for the very young.

The Ladies Benevolent Society is sponsoring the annual Chicken Pie Supper, mini bazaar, and food sale on Saturday, November 9, 1996.

The menu will include: chicken pie, whipped potatoes, butternut squash, green beans almondine, cranberry sauce, beet relish, rolls and butter, homemade apple or squash pie, and beverage.

The cost will be \$7.50 for adults, and \$3 for children under eight (preschool-age children are free). There will be continuous servings from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

For reservations, call Mrs. Pat DeYoung, 789-4679, or Mrs. William Horenstein, 786-9195.

We are also in need of helpers for the supper. If you are available to help with food preparation, serving in the kitchen, waiting on tables, or donating baked goods or crafts to the mini bazaar, please contact Lani Kretschmar, Jackie Gilmarin, or Bernice Burton on a Sunday morning before or after church, or the church office at 786-5061.

The Girl Scouts will begin using Griswold Hall on Monday and Thursday afternoons. Keep this in mind when you're making plans to use the church.

On the calendar this week:

Sunday, October 27th: 9:00 a.m., Sunday School; 10:00 a.m., Morning Worship; 5:30 p.m., Crossroads; 7:00 p.m., Confirmation Class.

Monday, October 28th: 4:00 p.m., Girl Scouts.

Tuesday, October 29th: 7:00 p.m., A.A.

Wednesday, October 30th: 7:00 p.m., Choir.

Thursday, October 31st: 2:50 p.m., Girl Scouts.

Friday, November 1st: 7:00 p.m., Radio Club.

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Church News - continued...**Important Message Offered By Agawam Church Of The Bible**

"How Good People Can Miss Heaven." You are invited to be our guest this Sunday, October 27th, as the Agawam Church of the Bible looks at this surprising warning of Jesus.



The Agawam Church of the Bible meets at the Agawam Junior High School at 10:00 a.m. Children's classes and a nursery are provided. For more information, please call 789-2904.

Weekly Activities At Ag. United Methodist

It is our pleasure to invite anyone seeking a place of worship to visit the Agawam United Methodist Church on Sunday, October 27th, at 9:30 a.m.

We reach out to families through an existential message which is scripturally based. Children are included through the story hour, bible craft, and bible lesson.

A special Advent bible class will begin on Monday, October 28th, and run through Monday, December 9th (six weeks).

Anyone may enroll in one of our classes.

The Class Leaders Fellowship will be held on Tuesday, November 12th and 26th.

St. David's Builds Enduring Friendship Thru Refugee Resettlement Ministry

About this time last year, St. David's Church made a commitment to sponsor a refugee family from Bosnia. This meant that for eight months, we would provide financial assistance, English tutoring, transportation, acculturation, employment, and general assistance with such things as schools, doctors, and shopping.

The objective of the program is to help with the adjustment to this country and to help the family achieve financial independence.

St. David's parishioners rose to the challenge and within two weeks of their arrival in America, the Kolak family of five was moved into an apartment completely furnished by donations from this parish; the children were enrolled in school; Marko was working a full-time job; they had their very first checking account and ATM card; and Ivan had had his first of many visits to Shriner's Hospital. (Ivan had lost both legs in a land mine in war-torn Bosnia.) What a hectic two weeks!! Accomplished through a lot of dedicated volunteer hours and a lot of prayers!

The ensuing months were packed with many new experiences for the Kolaks and the parishioners of St. David's; Ivan walking on his

new legs; Marko getting a used car to drive to work; Lidija needing an emergency appendectomy; going bowling and cross-country skiing; teaching English lessons; and becoming friends.

Officially, our commitment to this family is complete. At this writing, both Marko and Dragica are working full-time jobs and have medical coverage; the children are learning English in school and their parents attend classes at the Lutheran Center.

Although our official commitment has ended, we now have an enduring bond of friends in Christ. The Refugee Resettlement Ministry is having a concert of Christian music as a fundraising event. We will proudly present an evening of music with Michael Kelly Blanchard on November 2nd at the Agawam Junior High School. As a solo performer on guitar and piano, Michael tells stories and sings of the frailty of the human condition and the renewing power of God's unconditional love. You won't want to miss this!!

For tickets or more information, call St. David's Church at 522 Springfield Street (786-6133) or Cornerstone Christian Bookstore at 1408 Main Street, (789-7371).

Ladies Benevolent Society At F.H. Congregational To Hold Chicken Pie Supper/Mini-Bazaar On Nov. 9th

The Ladies Benevolent Society of the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, 21 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, is sponsoring a "Chicken Pie Supper," mini-bazaar, and food sale on Satur-

day, November 9, 1996.

The menu will include: chicken pie, whipped potatoes, butternut squash, green beans, almondine, cranberry sauce, beet relish, rolls and butter, homemade apple or squash pie, and beverage.

The cost will be \$7.50 for adults, \$3 for children under eight, and free for preschool-age children.

There will be continuous servings from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

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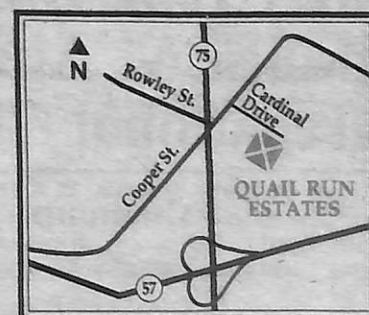
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Spotlight On Business

Goodies Opens At O'Brien's Corner



GOODIES CONVENIENCE & DAIRY STORE recently held a ribbon-cutting ceremony with Mayor Christopher C. Johnson and State Rep. Daniel F. Keenan on hand. Goodies offers convenience items, lottery, fresh grinders and coffees, dairy products, and discount cigarettes. From left - Karen Parks, William Barry (owner), Brianna Barry, Mark Cornelius (manager), Mayor Johnson, Rep. Keenan, and Kim Wallace (employee). The store is located across the street from CVS on Springfield Street. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

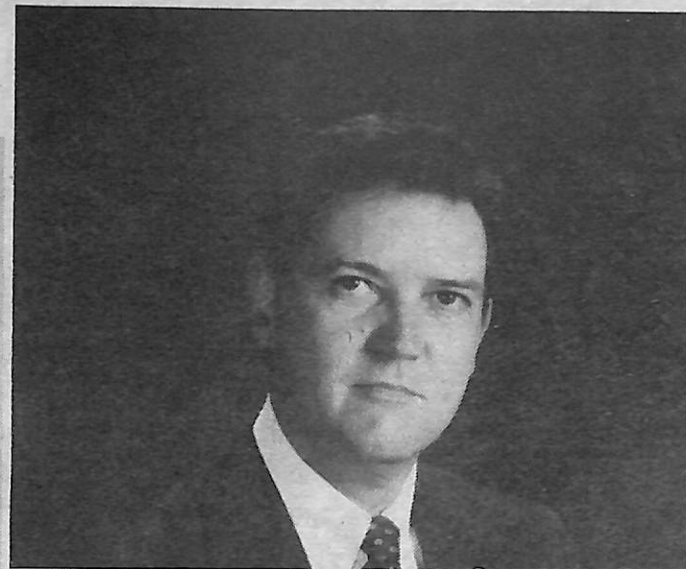
New Chinese Restaurant Opens On Main St.

Grand Opening

CHINA STAR



CHINA STAR Restaurant recently opened on Main Street, Agawam (across from Frank's Texaco). A ribbon-cutting ceremony included family and friends. From left - Joe Yeung, Peng Rheng, Mary Pun (manager), Mayor Christopher C. Johnson, Sue Liu (owner), State Representative Daniel F. Keenan, Jimmy Pun (manager), and Tom Cheung. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



ROBERT VANDERHOOF

Vanderhoof Named To State Board

Governor William Weld recently appointed Robert Vanderhoof of 47 Willowbrook Drive, Agawam, to the State Board of Opticians.

Vanderhoof, owner of Agawam Opticians on Walnut Street Extension since 1972, previously served on the state board from 1989 to 1993. The board controls the licensing and governing of opticianry throughout Massachusetts.

He is currently a member of the Agawam Liquor Licensing Commission. He and his wife, Barbara, have two grown children - Erica and Aaron. Aaron is employed as manager of Agawam Opticians.

Ag. Medical Supply To Be Featured At Upcoming Home Show

Better living and how to attain it will be one of the major focuses of this year's Western New England Home Show (November 1st-3rd) on the grounds of the Eastern States Exposition.

From health care to nutrition and beauty, a special Better Living display in the Better Living Center will highlight products and services that can enhance your life and make it more worth living.

Besides an emphasis on computer and high-tech electronic equipment that can ease your lifestyle, the new Better Living exhibitors will stress ways to enhance your everyday life.

Agawam Medical Supply, Inc. on Main Street will display the latest in home medical care supplies, easing the way if you have a disabled or ailing loved one at home. As the Baby Boom generation ages, this is a growing concern. Or maybe you have aged parents getting ready to move into your home. In any case, the home show can help.

And there will be a variety of interesting products and services for seniors, including agencies that can help with long-term health care insurance.

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9 am - 3 pm	Nursery open for your convenience!	Noon - 2 pm	FREE Family Pool Party!
9:15 am	Fat Burner Class!	Noon - 5 pm	FREE Body Comp Analysis!
			Blood Pressure Checks!
10 am	FREE Spinning Class!	1 pm	Hap Ki Do Demonstration!
	Kid's Clubhouse Halloween Party!		Bench Press Competition!
10 am - 1 pm	WPX Radio Live Remote Broadcasting & Give-a-ways!	3 pm	FREE Spinning Class!
10 am - 2 pm	Healthy Snack Buffet!		
11 am	Surprise Aerobic Class!		
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WHEN IS IT:

2:45 - 3:45 - Junior High on Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays for 8 weeks beginning Monday, October 21st.
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HOW MUCH IS IT:

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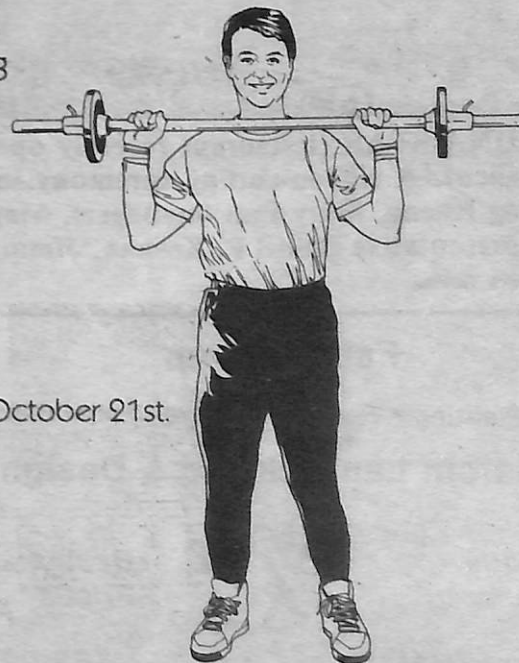
Hey, it's cool! No matter how "fit" or "unfit" you are! *Exercise is fun!*

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Spotlight On Business - continued...

ANN'S CATERING OF WEST SPRINGFIELD is now the sole catering service for St. Anne's Country Club in Feeding Hills. **IN PHOTO LEFT** - headwaitress Kathy MacArthur, St. Anne's owner Paul Napolitan, and Ann's Catering owner Ann Marie Matlasz prepare for a banquet; **IN CENTER PHOTO**, Paul Napolitan and Ann Marie Matlasz get flowers ready for an after-wedding party; and in **PHOTO RIGHT**, Ann Marie and Paul are pictured outside the banquet room at picturesque St. Anne's Country Club. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Ann's Catering Of West Side Adds To 21 Years Of Business Growth At St. Anne's

by Peggy Shoemaker
Advertiser News Feature Writer

Ann's Catering Service, Inc., an area award-winning food service, has added to its 21 years of business growth by becoming the sole catering service for St. Anne's Country Club in Agawam.

The service was founded and is owned and operated by Ann Matlasz of Corey Colonial, Agawam. She made arrangements with Tom and Paul Napolitan, owners of St. Anne's Country Club, to cater all the events in the banquet room on the upper floor of the club.

Persons wishing information on her catering services can contact her at her commissary (kitchen and offices) at 625 Union Street, West Springfield.

Readers of *The Advocate* newspaper voted this company "*The Catering Service of the Year*" in 1992, and a plaque she received in recognition hangs on her office wall.

Ann and her staff of 15 full-timers, plus several part-timers, cater weddings, showers, birthdays and retirements, provide food for business functions, trade shows, open houses, promotions, graduations, religious events, and all types of personal get-togethers. They also specialize in off-premises catering.

The banquet hall of St. Anne's Country Club is on the upper level of the club, with the lower level being the golf pro shop, lounge, bar, locker rooms, etc. The banquet room is upstairs, but it is on a level with the upper part of the parking lot. The room has huge windows on three sides looking out over the sculptured lawns of the golf club. It also has its own bar and a door to the parking lot.

Ann has two scrapbooks that she shows prospective customers. One has colored photographs of food dishes prepared for banquets, beautiful arrangements of fruits, sandwiches, meats, vegetables, and dips, and a section on cakes for all occasions. There are also photos of herself and her staff at work at various clubs, halls, and events.

The second scrapbook is filled with letters, telegrams, and cards from satisfied customers. They are from a wide range of local clubs, institutions, and private individuals thanking Ann and staff for a smooth-running, beautiful, and efficient operation.

They are from such places as Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company, Springfield Chamber of Commerce, West Springfield Teen Center, soccer banquets, Springfield Library and Museum Association, Longmeadow High School senior class for an After the Prom Party, Central High School Soccer Banquet, former Bank of New England West picnic, and Springfield College employees' Christmas buffet lunch.

Also, the Basketball Hall of Fame, several churches for after-funeral receptions, and the Agawam/West Springfield Elks Club. She also caters at private homes, picnics, and for garden parties.

The scrapbooks are to help customers with their choices and to suggest ideas for their special events. Ann considers satisfied customers her best advertisement.

Ann's Catering Service has three white trucks on the road and the capacity to serve up to 800 persons. That's a far cry from her shaky start 21 years ago.

The Beginning Of The Business...

Ann was recently divorced back then, had two children to raise, and no job. She took a job at a Springfield deli. The owner did not like making the fancy platters ordered for holidays and special events, so that job fell to Ann. She enjoyed creating dishes that looked as good as the food tasted. From this came the idea of catering. She ran an advertisement in a newspaper and took on a party for 10 persons. She was on her way, until the Board of Health told her she couldn't have a public food business from her home.

The Merriam Co. of Springfield was looking for someone to oversee their breakfast and lunch program. They hired Ann with the consideration that she could rent the kitchens for the rest of the day.

This gave her an income and allowed her to expand her business, which she did with the help of her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Angelo Dalmolin of Albert Street, Agawam.

As the children grew, they helped and in their teen years earned salaries. They both graduated from college. Ann's mother, Marguerite (now 79), does the fancy work, preparing food platters, cakes, etc. Ann's father, Angelo, still does special projects such as carving watermelon baskets and helps with the books. Ann's daughter, Karen Murdzia, is a licensed dietician and owns Karen's Day Care in West Springfield. Her son, Paul Placanico, owns "On The Avenue," a restaurant on Memorial Avenue in West Springfield.

Ann's Catering Service has grown to the point where they can service as many as three to four parties in a day.

It has been long hours and hard work for Ann, but she considers herself lucky when she can squeeze in some time for a favorite spot at the beach in Rhode Island. She is proud of the business she calls "successful" and is delighted to be catering at St. Anne's Country Club.

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2. The hamstrings or posterior thigh muscles found at the back of your thighs.
3. The quadracep muscles or hip flexors in the front of the thigh.
4. The abdominals.

All four of these muscle groups act together and must balance each other so that the stress to the lower back is at a minimum.

To strengthen the abdominals, a wide variety of exercise equipment is available today. It is important to avoid repeated full flexion and extension of the lumbar spine or full bending at the waist to prevent mechanical stress to the discs of the spine during any abdominal strengthening program.

Quarter situps with the knees bent are adequate. Gently lift your shoulder blades from the floor. Cross your arms on your chest to avoid strain to the neck.

Strengthen your back extensors by doing chest lifts. Lie on your stomach with your arms at your sides. Keeping your legs straight, slowly lift your chest slightly off the floor without using your hands. Hold for two to three seconds. Do three sets of 10 repetitions.

Strengthen and stretch hamstrings by lying flat on your back and grasping one thigh with your knee bent. Pull your thigh to your chest. Slowly straighten your knee by extending your lower leg. Push your foot in the direction of your head.

The tension in the muscles behind your thigh increases. Hold this tension for a count of 10. Relax. Repeat this three times for each leg.

Tighten your hip flexors (or quads) by performing half squats or lunges. As your strength increases, you may add light hand weights to your routine.

Good posture is important. Be aware of your posture while sitting and standing. If lower back pains continue or pain radiates down your legs, contact the Schlaffer Chiropractic Office, 192 Shoemaker Lane, at 789-1369.

Managing YOUR STRESS

by Dr. Stephen Sobel
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COMMENT: Stressful situations can really deplete your energy bank. You have had a series of challenges back-to-back.

You must try and re-coup your energy level by finding people/situations that nurture your spirit and rekindle your desire to continue to move forward in your life. Sometimes we have to balance negative stress with things that restore our perspective.

If you keep on going like you are, physical as well as emotional stress symptoms will complicate your life. Try to also not handle some of the controllable demands that come your way all at once or within a short period of time.

Also, try and think about the new coping skills you are learning to use as a result of stress. In this way, you increase your thoughts to the positive instead of thinking that life has created a conspiracy to stress you out.

IMPORTANT SEMINAR INFORMATION: Now is the time to call to register for the wonderful seminars that Dr. Sobel is offering to the public on November 19th.

The seminars are: 1) "Prolific Customer Service"; 2) "Laugh More, Live Longer"; 3) "Dancing With Wolves - How To Deal With Difficult People."

On November 21st, in the evening, the seminar "What To Do When Life Throws You Curveballs - Handling Adversity, Change And Stress" will be presented.

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The Mind-Body Connection

We all know that the mind and body are connected. If something is affecting the mind, chances are that the body will be affected.

This was made so apparent to me on a personal level. A few years ago, my father died unexpectedly at a young age. My sister, who was in fine physical shape, suddenly experienced acute neck spasms. She had to wear a neck brace for several days.

The incredible amount of grief and shock put so much stress on the system that her body responded with severe muscle spasms. The muscle spasms caused the joints not to function correctly, which caused the nerves to be irritated, which sent messages to the brain to tighten the muscles, which in turn produced more stress. It created a vicious cycle. A major trauma like a sudden death does not have to create this cycle.

Daily stress, such as family needs, job demands, and time constraints, if not handled properly or released, can also create major physical problems. Again the mind/body connection is important.

As a chiropractor, I work with all components or facets of the problem in order to break this stress cycle. First is the muscle joint component, working on the muscles by stretching and relaxing them, then restoring proper motion to the joints by gentle chiropractic adjustments. The next component is education, proper stretches, exercises, and stress-reducing techniques to help decrease the start of this stress cycle, that is prevention.

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Dr. Nelson maintains an office at Hampden County Chiropractic, 850 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills. She is available to answer questions on Monday and Wednesday from 1:00-2:00 p.m. at 786-4820. There is an exciting lecture on low back pain at the Agawam Public Library on October 30, 1996 at 7:00 p.m. Don't miss this one!

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Support Group Meetings For Alzheimer's Disease

The Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice of Pioneer Valley, Inc., has announced the following calendar of Alzheimer's family support meetings for the month of November:

* **Tuesday, November 5th:** 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. at Western Mass. Hospital, 91 East Mountain Road, Westfield.

* **Wednesday, November 6th:** 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at VNA of Pioneer Valley, 50 Maple Street, Springfield.

* **Thursday, November 7th:** 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. at the West Springfield Senior Center, 128 Park Street, West Springfield.

* **Thursday, November 14th:** 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. at the Mediplex, Kensington Activity Room, 135 Benton Drive, East Longmeadow.

Interested persons, friends, and relatives of those afflicted with Alzheimer's Disease or a related disorder are welcome.

If you have any further questions, please call Belinda Winkler at 781-5070.

Fitness First To Hold Seminar On Back Pain

Local professionals will be offering their expertise on ways to deal with your aching back at "This Old Back," the first seminar in the fall Fitness First's Third Annual Community Medical Update Series.

This seminar will be held at the Agawam Public Library on Wednesday, October 30th, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Scheduled presenters will include Neurosurgeon, Dr. Thomas Kaye; Chiropractor, Dr. Tami Nelson; Physical Therapist, Patrick Carley; and Personal Trainer, Garen Stochr.

This free event is sponsored by Fitness First and Hampden County Chiropractic, and it is open to the public. Please call Fitness First at 786-1460 to reserve your seat.

Mobile Hearing Ctr. At Ag. Senior Center On Monday, Oct. 28th

Mercy Hospital's Weldon Mobile Hearing Center will conduct free hearing screenings and hearing aid checks at the Agawam Senior Center on Monday, October 28th at 9:00 a.m.

In addition, full diagnostic hearing tests, evaluations, fittings, sales and service of hearing aids, and assistive-listening devices, can be scheduled on a fee-for-service basis.

The hearing van's audiology equipment is operated by nationally certified audiologists from the Weldon Hearing Center at Mercy Hospital.

For a reservation, call 786-0400, ext. 242.

Flu Clinic Planned At Pheasant Hill On November 12th

The Agawam Health Department will hold a flu clinic at Pheasant Hill Village, Pheasant Hill Drive, Feeding Hills, on Tuesday, November 12th from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Stress-Oriented Business Seminars Offered By Dr. Sobel

Dr. Steve Sobel, founder and director of The New England Institute For Stress Management of West Springfield, MA, will be presenting a special multi-seminar format for employees from all types of businesses and organizations on Tuesday, November 19th, at the Best Western Colonial Inn in East Windsor, CT.

From 8:30 to 9:30 a.m., he will be presenting "Laugh More, Live Longer" for \$12 per person; between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon, he'll be presenting "Prolific Customer Service: How To Attract, Retain, And Delight Your Customers Each And Every Time" for \$20 per person.

Then, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., Dr. Sobel will present "Dancing With Wolves: How To Deal Superbly And Creatively With Difficult People And Situations" for \$20 per person. However, if you decide to attend all three seminars, the total cost will be \$40.

Dr. Sobel will also be presenting a special program from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Thursday evening, November 21st, titled "What To Do When Life Throws You Curveballs: Handling Adversity, Stress, And Change." The cost for this program is \$20 per person.

Pre-registration is required for all of the aforementioned programs by calling (413) 785-1259. Continuing education units are available, as well as group discounts.

October Health Screenings At Mercy Hospital In Springfield

Mercy Hospital in Springfield will conduct cholesterol and blood glucose screenings on October 31st from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. in the Memorial House Auditorium.

There is a \$10 donation for the cholesterol screening; a \$2 donation is requested for the blood glucose screening. Fasting for 12 hours (water is allowed) prior to testing is recommended; results will be mailed to participants.

No advance registration is required. For more information, call the Patient Education Department, (413) 748-9024, weekdays between 8:00 and 9:00 a.m., or leave a message.

Annual Open House At Fitness First Slated For Saturday, Oct. 26

Fitness First Health and Fitness Center in Feeding Hills is once again pleased to announce their fall open house to members of the community on Saturday, October 26th from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Members and non-members alike are welcome to stop in and tour the facility, try the latest fitness equipment for free, and take part in the fun activities. Non-members will be offered a special opportunity to join the club. A free muchie buffet will also be available to all visitors.

Owners Kurt and Paula Welker invite everyone to try out the facilities and see how much fun it can be. "There are people in the community that continue to think that they will feel intimidated by joining a health club. A free visit to Fitness First always eases those fears. People will see that fitness can be a lot of fun in the right atmosphere like this," stated Kurt Welker.

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9:15 a.m.: FREE Fat Burner Class!

10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.: WPKX Radio Live Remote Broadcasting & Give-Aways!

10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.: FREE Healthy Snack Buffet!

10:00 a.m.: FREE Spinning Class!; FREE Kid's Clubhouse Halloween Party!

11:00 a.m.: FREE Surprise Aerobic Class!; FREE Two-On-Two Hoop Competition!

12:00 Noon: FREE Spinning Class!; FREE Walleyball Competition (FREE Fitness First T-Shirt to winning team!)

Noon - 2:00 p.m.: Family Pool Party*

12:00 Noon-5:00 p.m.: FREE Body Composition Analysis!; FREE Blood Pressure Checks!*

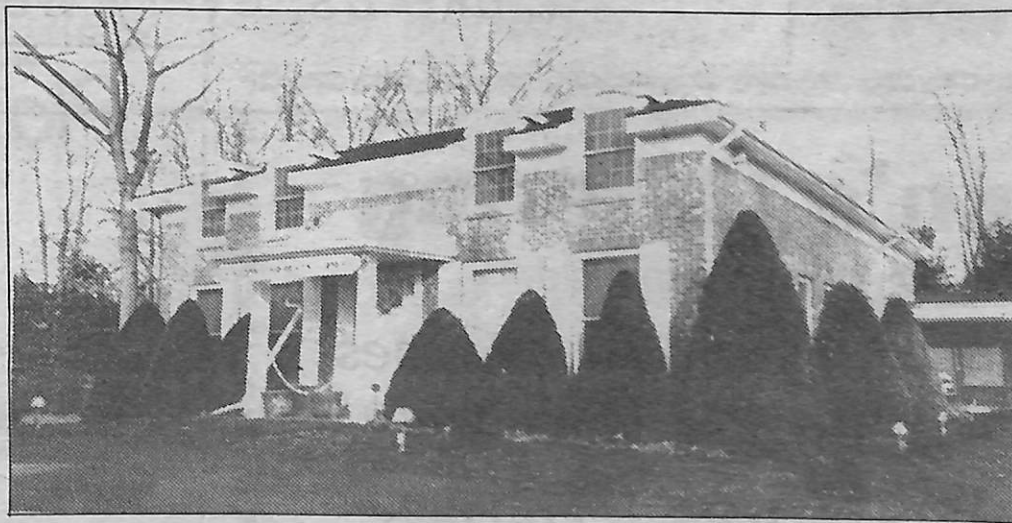
1:00 p.m.: FREE Hap Ki Do Demo!; FREE Bench Press Competition!*

3:00 p.m.: FREE Spinning Class!

To participate in the above events, call Fitness First at (413) 786-1460 or drop by on Saturday, October 26th between 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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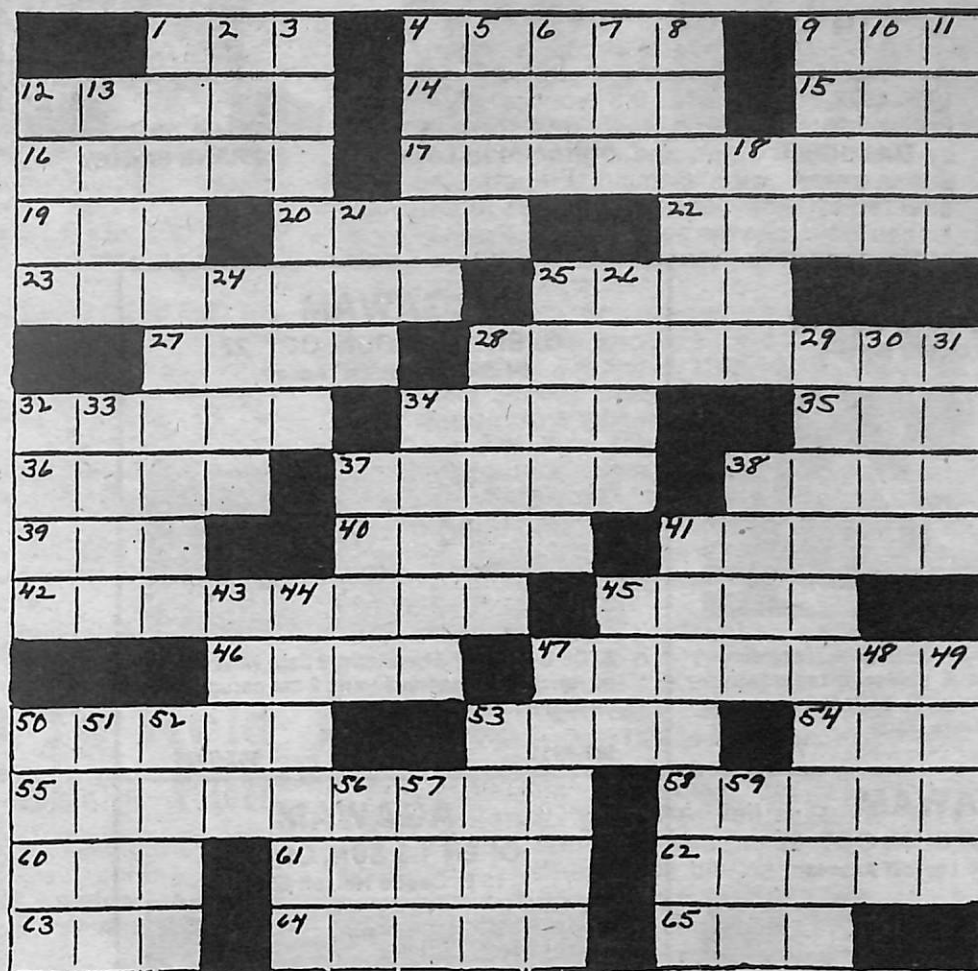
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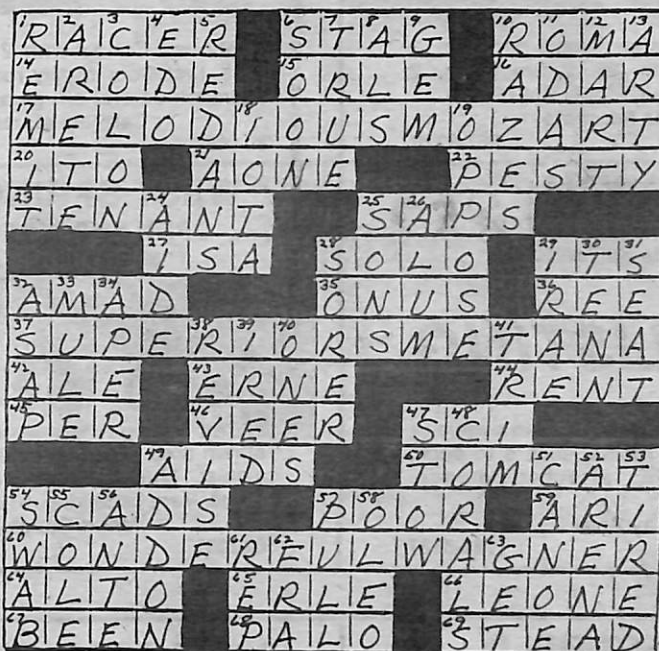
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- 5 Masher's look
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- 7 Bow wood often
- 8 Part of "A Votre Sante"
- 9 Ready to bloom things
- 10 Words of understanding
- 11 Dozes off
- 12 Role
- 13 Region
- 18 Winning determination often
- 21 Before
- 24 Radial
- 25 Make z's



Last Week's Solution...

- 26 Major follower
- 28 Religious pictures
- 29 Comedian with color
- 30 Like Satan
- 31 Social event
- 32 Cupid
- 33 Despicable
- 34 Fine china
- 37 "Toots"
- 38 Dines
- 41 Clumsy one's move
- 43 Before eating chore
- 44 Westerns
- 45 Mr. Baba
- 47 West Pointer
- 48 One to Mozart
- 49 Walter or Donna
- 50 Jam in
- 51 "San —," Italy
- 52 Ernie Kovack's lady
- 53 Ancient Persian
- 56 Feel poorly
- 57 Famous John or Jane?
- 59 OPEC's concern



NATURALIST JOHN GREEN

"First Friday" Series To Present Program By Naturalist John Green

The Agawam Cultural Council will sponsor John Green, Interpretive Naturalist, natural history photographer and slide lecturer, in a program on Glacier National Park and the Everglades, in its "First Friday" presentation on November 1, 1996.

The program will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library. It is free and open to the public and will be of interest to people of all ages.

John Green is a freelance interpretive naturalist from Amherst, Massachusetts. He has offered programs from Maine to Florida and observed and photographed natural history subjects in a variety of areas in the United States and Canada. He and his partner, Tom Tynning, lead natural history tours from Newfoundland to Florida and to southern Arizona.

In Glacier National Park in northwestern Montana, the grizzly bear still reigns supreme; moose graze; mountain goats carefully pick their way along precipitous slopes; and ground squirrels whistle from every rocky outcrop.

Glacier National Park is a hiker's paradise and a naturalist's dream. He will share much of what he has seen there with his audience.

The Everglades is a favorite winter experience. He will cover mangrove swamps, cypress domes, sawgrass prairies, and hardwood hammocks (having explored by van, foot, and canoe).

All of these "First Friday" series are free to the public through grants from the Agawam Cultural Council through the Massachusetts Cultural Council. The program will begin at 7:30 p.m.

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Hilltop Players Plan "Here's Love"

The Hilltop Players Family Theatre is holding an additional audition for their Christmas musical, "Here's Love," on Sunday, October 27th from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at The Red Door Theatre, 152 South Westfield St., Feeding Hills, MA.

Over 30 auditioners turned out for last weekend's try-outs, but directors Margie Secora and Lyle Pearsons are still seeking men (20-60 years) and women (20-40 years) who can sing. Also needed is a Kris Kringle-type character actor to play the lead role in this wonderful holiday musical by Meredith Willson based on the book/movie, "Miracle On 34th Street."

Auditioners should be prepared to sing a Christmas Carol and to read from the script. Show dates are December 6th, 7th, 8th, 13th, and 14th.

The Hilltop Players is a four year-old Community Theatre group dedicated to producing family-oriented musicals and plays. Past productions have included "Oliver," "Finian's Rainbow," "Best Christmas Pageant Ever," "Anne of Green Gables," and "Once Upon A Mattress."

For more information and ticket reservations, call (413) 789-2026.

West Side Coin Club Plans Show On Oct. 27

The West Springfield Coin Club will hold its Semi-Annual Coin Show at the Dante Club on Baldwin Street, West Springfield, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 27th.

Coin dealers will be exhibiting as well as buying and selling coins and giving free appraisals.

Admission is free.

The Dante Club is located across from the grounds of the Eastern States Exposition on Memorial Avenue.

For further information, contact Peter Setian at 596-9871.

Nov. & Dec. Are Busy Months For Westfield Theatre Group

WTG To Perform "Charley's Aunt"

The Westfield Theatre Group, a department of the Westfield Woman's Club, will open its 1996-1997 season with the wonderfully hilarious British farce, *Charley's Aunt*. This show is written by Brandon Thomas and is produced by special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc. It is directed by Mike Connors, who was recently seen on the Westfield stage in *Thirteen Past Midnight*.

The show takes place in the late 1800's and is a story about three college boys and the trials and tribulations they go through in the name of love. It stars Dan Deery as Charley Wykeham and Bill Wood as Jack Chesney. Dave Andrews makes his WTG debut as Lord Fancourt Babberley.

Other cast members include Mary Ann Arnold as Charley's aunt, Bill Hensley as Sir Francis Chesney, and Gary Tomestic as Brasset, along with Amber Daniels and Mary Arnold.

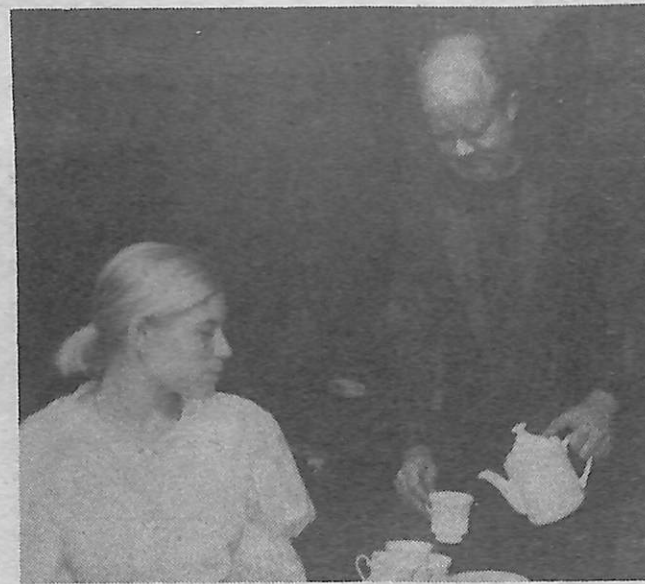
The show will open November 8th at 8:00 p.m. and continue with performances on November 9th, 15th, and 16th at 8:00 p.m., with a special matinee on November 16th at 2:00 p.m. All performances will be held at the Westfield Woman's Club, 28 Court Street, Westfield.

Tickets are \$8 for adults, and \$6 for students and seniors. Reservations may be made by calling the Westfield Theatre Group box office at 572-6838.

This production is supported, in part, by a grant from the Westfield Arts Council, a local agency, the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency, and the National Endowment for the Arts.

WTG Announces Auditions

The Westfield Theatre Group has announced audition dates for its upcoming productions. Auditions for WTG's January Evening of One



AMBER DANIELS and GARY TOMESTIC rehearse a scene from the Westfield Theatre Group's upcoming production, "Charley's Aunt."

Acts will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, November 12th and 13th, at 7:00 p.m. There are parts available for all ages.

Auditions for WTG's spring musical, *Evita*, to be directed by Timothy Champagne and Bob LaViolette, will be held on Monday and Tuesday, December 2nd and 3rd, at 7:00 p.m. Again, there are parts available for a wide range of ages. There are no speaking roles, so all individuals auditioning will be required to sing. There are lead roles available for two females and three males. There are many chorus roles available. Dancers, both male and female, are encouraged to audition as well.

All auditions will be held at the Westfield Woman's Club, 28 Court Street, Westfield. For further information regarding auditions for either production, please contact the Westfield Theatre Group at 572-6838.

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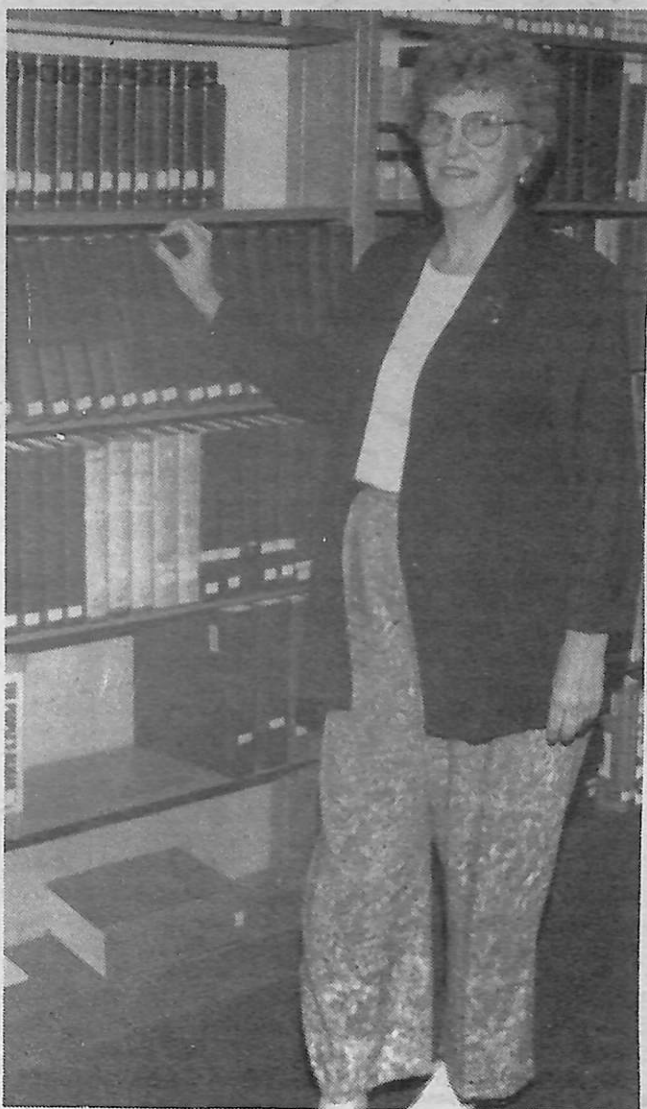
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Education



LONG-TIME AGAWAM HIGH Librarian Charlotte Shimel feels like Santa these days because the library is receiving priority to purchase new materials. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

AHS Library Receives Funds To Purchase New Materials

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

It's been some time since she's had the luxury of purchasing books and magazines just because the kids would enjoy them. But long-time Agawam High School librarian Charlotte Shimel could get used to feeling a little like Santa, even if it is a bit early for the holiday spirit.

Ever since she learned that the AHS library would receive priority in spending the extra textbook funds allotted to the School Department in the town budget, it's been like Christmas, Miss Shimel said.

Since the advent of Proposition 2½ in the early 1980's, the library has felt the crunch of coping with getting along with less funding at the same time book costs have quadrupled.

AHS Principal Joseph Zabielski said he targeted the library as a priority to make sure the materials on hand would be up to standard for next year's school accreditation.

"With our reduced budget and skyrocketing costs, we have had to stick to what we need," Miss Shimel said. "I'm looking forward to saying, 'Yes, we have that,' to teacher requests. Wouldn't that be lovely?"

Each year, the library replaces between 200 to 300 books and 400 volumes were added last year to bring the total close to 17,000 books. For a school the size of AHS, the ideal is to have 25,000 volumes, Miss Shimel said.

In addition to coping with limited resources, rising costs, and the need to constantly replace encyclopedias and reference books, the librarian is faced with the task of providing materials covering a wide range of interest and ability level. When

the ninth grade moved to the High School several years ago, the problem worsened.

With students ranging in age from 14 to 19, and with reading levels covering a range up to the college level, the library has to find material on many levels for many different interests, she said.

With the inclusion of the ninth grade class, library materials had to be purchased to correspond to the new courses just as materials had to be purchased when genetics became part of the science curriculum, Miss Shimel said.

Major Problems Facing School Librarians...

Among the major problems facing all school librarians in purchasing books are the rate at which the technical and scientific information changes, and the rate at which a book will be out of print, according to her.

"If we don't buy a book within two years of publication, we can't always go back and fill that hole because books go out of print very quickly," Miss Shimel said. "We have to concentrate on the things that change so rapidly; anything medical, technical, or scientific has to be updated often."

It didn't take long to compile a long list of books, magazines, and videos the teachers have been requesting by using the notecards listing the titles culled from reading reviews published each month in the professional journals, Miss Shimel said.

"Anything I find that fills a need or fills an interest, I make a note of it," Miss Shimel said. "The library serves every class. Everyone in school will benefit from this."

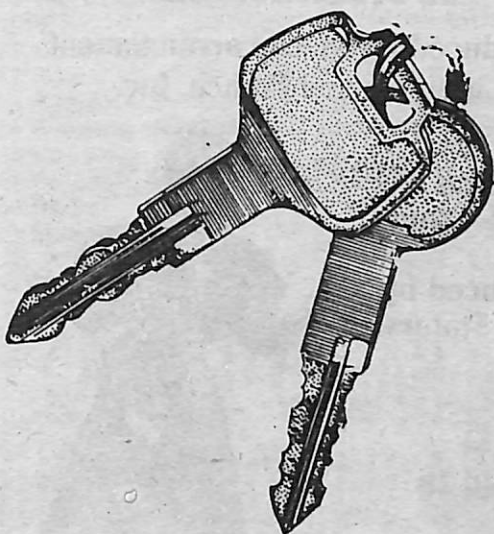
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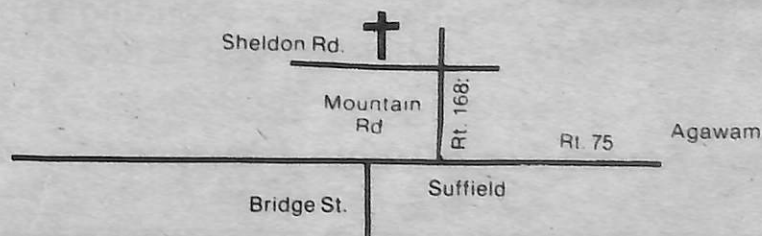
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Foreign Students Enhance Life At Agawam High

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

They've come from climates ranging from the warmth of Brazil to the chill of Scandinavia. But, they have at least two things in common. First, the five teens are attending Agawam High School as seniors as part of the American Intercultural Program (AFS) student exchange program. Second, they've all received a warm welcome from their host families, as well as from the community and from the school.

AFS faculty advisor Mary Ellen Bruce said the students have the benefit of a strong support system through the local chapter of the AFS Program, from their host families, and from the school's administration. Agawam AFS has sponsored foreign students since 1974.

"With so many people for them to turn to for absolutely anything to help support them in their social, academic, and family lives, these students are thriving here," Ms. Bruce said. "The cultural diversity they bring is a real plus for the school."

After two months, the five teens all say their experience has been great so far; jeans are much cheaper here and life is much more informal in America.

From Lima, Peru, 17 year-old **Guillermo Lem** says his host family is informal and "lots of fun" and he likes having a brother for the first time.

A member of the junior varsity soccer team, Guillermo enjoys school, even though it's different from the all-boys religious school he attended at home.

He's not feeling homesick now, but he expects to—when he gets home to Peru.

"I know I'll be going home so I'm not homesick. But, I think when I go home, I'll be homesick for the U.S. because I don't know when I'll be able to come back," Guillermo said.

Guillermo said he enjoys the informality of the comings and goings of his host family where something is always going on. He is living with veteran AFS host parents Dave & Terry Gallerani and their children, Lisa (a senior at AHS), David (a sophomore), and oldest daughter, Kristin.

Magali Pruvot, 18, of Angers, France, finds Americans to be open and friendly. But, she's still surprised at the informal level of conversation between strangers and between teachers and students.

"In French, we have a different, more formal word to say 'you' for someone you don't know well. And students in school would never say 'you' the informal way to a teacher," Magali said.

Interested in an exchange program in an English speaking country, Magali said her first choice was Australia because she felt she already knew quite a bit about America from television and movies. However, since the school year in the U.S. falls more closely in line to the school year in France, Magali decided on coming to America.

She's enjoying her year, but she admits to being the most homesick of the five students.

"I miss my four year-old brother very much. We were together all the time and now I'm missing



THE FOREIGN FLAVOR AT AGAWAM HIGH, from left - American Intercultural Programs (AFS) faculty advisor Mary Ellen Bruce, Guillermo Lem (Peru), Magali Pruvot (France), Suzana Vallejo (Brazil), Ana Villarreal (Panama), and Johan Aagaard (Denmark).

Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

one year of his childhood," Magali said.

Michael & Susan McDonough, along with their daughter, Megan McHenry (a senior at AHS), are hosting Magali.

From Las Taviolas, Panama, **Ana Villarreal**, 17, is playing field hockey for the first time. She's happy that she came to America, but the fast pace of American life sometimes leaves her missing her family back home.

"In my family in Panama, we do a lot of things together, because life back in Panama is not as busy as here."

Like the other AFS kids, Ana had studied English for several years in school. But, learning grammar and learning to read English is not the same thing as being surrounded by the sounds of the language as it's spoken by native speakers.

"We have to pay attention all the time because people are talking very fast," Ana said. "It's very different from reading a book."

Ana considers herself a serious student and says learning English as quickly as possible continues to be a top priority.

"My English was not very good when I arrived but I think it is slowly improving," she told us.

Not Too Different

For the most part, **Suzana Vallejo**, 18, is finding life here not too much different from her native Sao Paulo, Brazil. But, the lack of public transportation takes some getting used to. Without the familiar subways and buses to rely on, Suzana is taking a more low-tech, two-wheeled approach to getting around.

"I'm riding a bike so that I don't always have to ask people to take me places," Suzana said. She

is also playing field hockey for AHS.

Suzana said the people here are friendly, Levi's cost nearly three times less than at home, and the laws are more strictly enforced in America.

"In my country, the driving age is 18, but no one goes by that," Suzana said. "Here, people follow the rules more."

Suzana is enjoying life with John & Rosalie Dialessi and their children, Dan (a senior at AHS) and Lisa, a recent graduate of Syracuse University, and was hoping to meet Trenton, her new "nephew" from Florida, who is the son of Laura (Dialessi) and Tim Bellows.

Johan Aagaard, 17, will have to wait until he's almost ready to return to Copenhagen before meeting one of his host sisters. While he's living with her family in Feeding Hills, Kelly Stoddard is on a year-long AFS Exchange Program in Sweden and is expected back about two weeks before Johan will be heading back to Denmark.

Johan said he is enjoying almost everything about his stay in America. He was not surprised to find that life here is not like television or the movies.

"If you see Melrose Place and Beverly Hills 90210 and you think America is like that, it's not the same thing," Johan said.

Life with the Malloys, Holly, Kevin, and their children, 12 year-old Chris and 10 year-old twins Katie and Alicia, is a new experience for an only child. But, Johan points out that if exchange students didn't want to experience a new way of life, they would have stayed home.

"We get along well, so I would have to say, it's different, but going well," Johan said.

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AHS Guidance...

by Judith Cohen
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It Takes Guts To Be Imperfect

Many of the problems that we see in our students today stem from the fact that some of them feel they have to be perfect. Wow! That's a tall order.

Unfortunately, perfectionists can never really attain their goal of perfection. I mean, think about it — is anything really perfect? Therefore, a perfectionist can never truly be happy. He/she can try and try, but never reach self-satisfaction because nothing is ever PERFECT enough!

Working with these youngsters can be very challenging. We want students to try to do their best, so how do we tell them not to be such perfectionists? First, we must define perfection as absolutely perfect, and then relate to them that there is nothing on this earth that is absolutely perfect.

If we look at a piece of furniture, I'm sure one could find a little nick in it. Perhaps there is a blemish on an otherwise white piece of paper, or maybe one of the flowers planted in a row grows just a little taller than all the other flowers. It's important to realize that things and people are not perfect, but that's what makes life more interesting. How dull if everything were perfect and the same!

People who are perfectionists dwell on their mistakes. They don't see the entire passage that they wrote; they only see the red marks on the paper. Dwelling on mistakes takes away one's strength. It saps self-esteem and does not leave energy to be creative, to enjoy, to take pleasure in things.

It is important to remember that one does not work for perfection, that which is unattainable, but instead for improvement. Revel in the improvements and relax in your ability to improve

Meeting Slated For October 29th On Sixth Grade Trip

There is currently a group of parents organizing a trip for all sixth grade students in Agawam. The trip would be a five-day/four-night tour of New York, Washington, D.C., and Philadelphia. The approximate cost will be \$400 per student.

The cost includes transportation, lodging, meals, and tours. Notices have been given to each student at the Agawam Middle School and will continue to be handed out as needed.

We need to commit to retain the hotel rooms that are currently being held, so a planning meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, October 29th, at 7:00 p.m. at the Middle School cafeteria. Fundraising to offset the cost of the trip will also be discussed.

If you cannot attend the meeting and are interested in obtaining more information, contact either Colleen Mutti at 786-2876 or Rachel Thomas at 786-9896.

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Having the guts to be imperfect will allow a person to take certain risks. After all, if you don't have to be perfect, you can try something new and not be daunted by the fact that you may find it a little rough going.

Some colleges have addressed this issue of perfection by allowing kids to take some courses Pass/Fail. This gives the kids license to go into uncharted waters and try on different things for size. Brown University is a prime example of this philosophy.

As parents and teachers, we can help these students by example. If we make a mistake, it is important to readily admit it, to tell them we are human. If we never made a mistake, we would never have anything to correct. No improvements would be made and we would not change.

We need to give these students permission to not be perfect, but rather to take pride in doing the best that they can do — socially, athletically, and academically. Often, they will be surprised. If they do not consciously strive for perfection, they will do better in the long run; they will not be so uptight!

For PERFECTIONISTS, it takes guts to be IMPERFECT!!! ... but they'll see that it does bring positive results. Good luck to all you perfectionists!!!

GUIDANCE BULLETIN

COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVES: If you are interested in meeting with any of the following college representatives, you should sign up at least a day in advance in the guidance office.

October 28th: Worcester State College - 9:30;
Lyndon State College - 12:10.

October 29th: Paul Smith's College - 12:15;
Bridgeton Academy - 10:00.

SCHOLARSHIPS: See Mrs. Williams for more information.

Federated Women's Clubs of Massachusetts offer the following scholarships:

Teaching Scholarship: This award of \$600 will be given to a Massachusetts high school senior who plans to enroll in a four-year college to major in education. Deadline: March 1, 1997.

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Photography Contest for Massachusetts High School Students.

GFWC Youth Writing Competition: Open to students in grades 7-12 in the areas of short story and comedy skit.

The following colleges are offering scholarships to students who plan to enroll in the school and meet certain criteria: Carnegie Mellon University, Virginia Wesleyan College, Hamilton College.

Open Houses: See Mrs. Williams for more information.

UMass Dartmouth: November 3rd.

Forsyth School of Dental Hygiene: November 17th or February 2nd.

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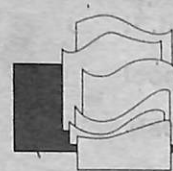
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Agawam Middle School PTO News

We would like to thank everyone that helped with our fundraiser, especially Dee Circosta-Aspinall and Theresa Shea for coordinating it. It was a great success.

The following people will serve on the School Council for this year:

Parents: Jan Lapins, Sue Hamlett, Debbie Sekula, and Dee Circosta-Aspinall.

School staff: Ralph Zavarella, Jeanette Friedenson, Sharon Manzi, and Phyllis Ferrari.

Community rep.: Sue Federico.

We are still collecting Campbell's Soup labels and General Mills Cereal box tops to be redeemed for items to be used in the school.

Library and office volunteers are still needed in the school. Anyone interested please contact the office.

Upcoming events:

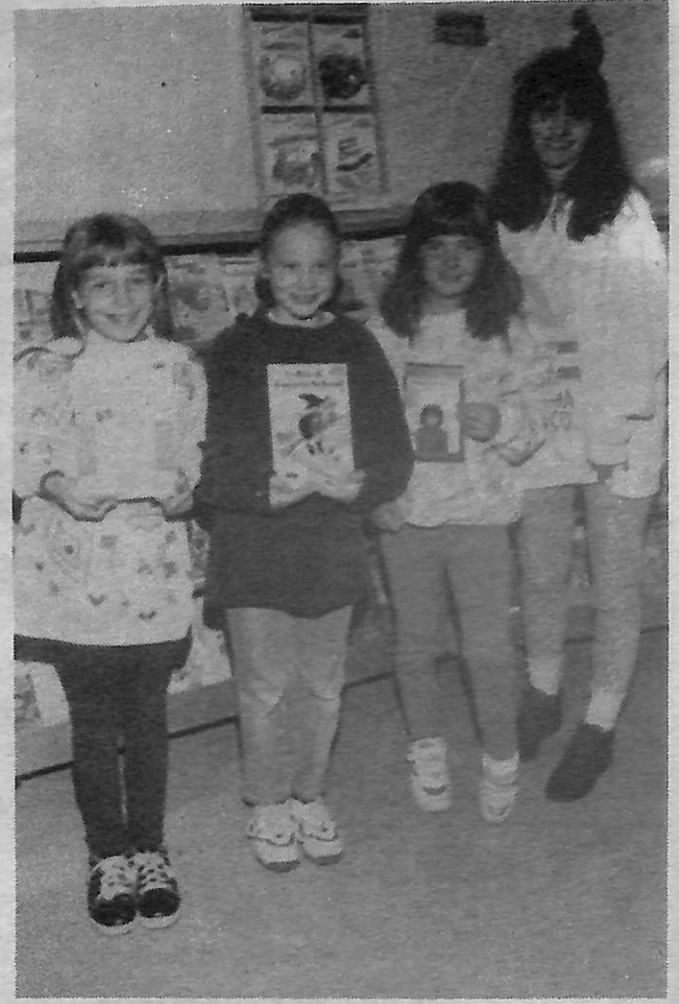
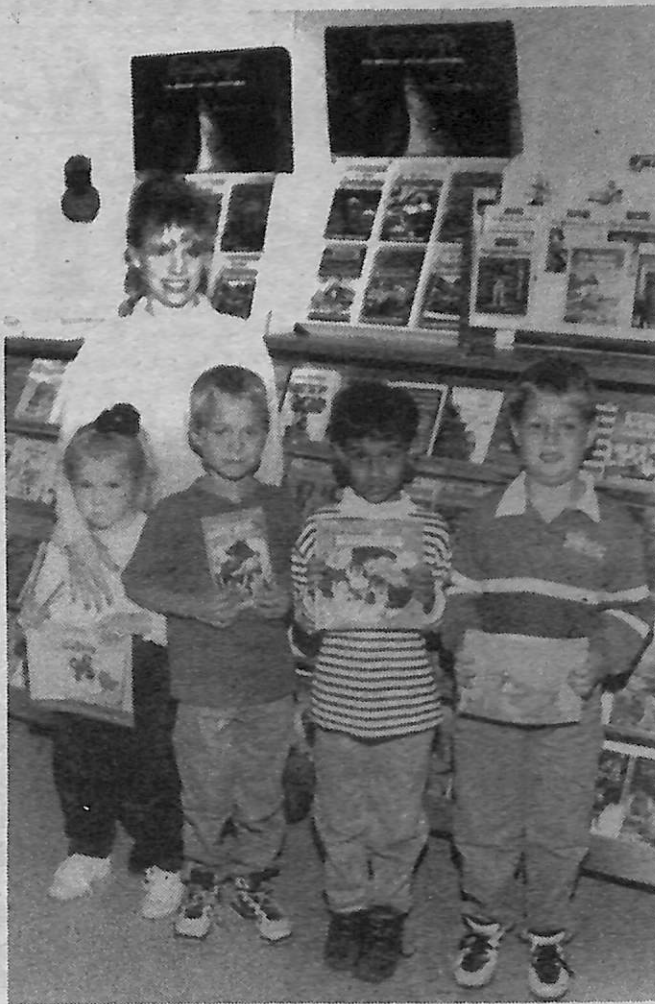
On October 31st (Halloween), all students are invited to wear their costumes to school. There will be a collection box for Unicef in each classroom; students will be asked to make a 25¢ donation if possible.

The next PTO meeting will be held on November 4th at 7:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. All parents are welcome.

We will be holding an Election Day bake sale at the school on November 5th. Anyone interested in baking is welcome to drop off baked goods any time during the day from 8:00 a.m. on or send them to school with your child. You may also drop them off during the PTO meeting the night before.

The retake date for school pictures will be November 15th.

Book Fair At James Clark School



JAMES CLARK SCHOOL had its Fall Book Fair recently. The profits from the book fair will help purchase new books for the school library. IN PHOTO RIGHT, parent Carolynn Fontaine assists students Hallie Nimrichter, Megan Quinlan, and Tammy Martin with their book selection; IN PHOTO LEFT, parent Colleen Messier helps Talia Messier, Joshua Barcomb, Neil Patel, and Peter Chlastawa. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Agawam Schools' Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, October 28th: Oven-baked cheese-topped pizza, seasoned green beans, chilled peaches, milk.

Tuesday, October 29th: Steamed frankfort in roll, oven-baked beans, potato rounds, chilled pears, milk.

Wednesday, October 30th: Meatballs in tomato sauce, buttered macaroni, Italian bread & butter, seasoned mixed vegetables, jello with topping, milk.

Thursday, October 31st: Oven-baked chicken nuggets, honey & mayonnaise, seasoned diced carrots, applesauce, bread & butter, white cake with chocolate icing, milk.

Friday, November 1st: Oven-baked fish nuggets, potato puffs with catsup, green beans, bread & butter, ice cream cup.

* **REMINDER:** Elementary lunch is \$1.

(Tickets must be purchased on Mondays for the week. Personal checks are accepted, payable to: the Agawam School Lunch.)

Nov. 1st Is Family Literacy Day And Agawam High To Participate

The Governor and the Commissioner of Education have declared November 1st as Massachusetts and National Family Literacy Day.

In the spirit of celebration, the Agawam High School administration, a number of faculty members, along with their students, have activities planned which recognize the family as a partner in education.

Agawam High School reading teacher Sandra Marona announced the theme which she created to supportive English staff and other faculty members. Plans to recognize and celebrate the indispensable team of school and family are underway.

Busy English teachers have plans which include essays on the theme, Literacy is a Family Affair, and other creative writing projects which include student-generated children's literature

and poetry. Student teachers working along with English teachers have enthusiastically joined in with the project.

Always a staunch supporter of student effort and achievement, the High School Renaissance Committee has pledged two \$25 prizes. Mr. Frank Meagher, Agawam Junior High School guidance counselor, will be invited to present the awards on behalf of the Knights of Columbus.

Sandra Marona will represent Delta Kappa Gamma Society International's Alpha Chapter with two additional awards of \$25 for the new Barnes and Noble Book Store in Holyoke.

Celebrating along with the state and the nation, Agawam High School's administration, staff, students, and personnel look forward to a continued and strengthening partnership with the family, in pursuit of excellence of literacy.

Phelp PTO Reminds Voters Of Election Day Bake Sale On Nov. 5th

The Phelps PTO would like to remind the voters in Precinct 5 we will be having our annual Election Day Bake Sale.

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 TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17th, AHS ONLY PERIODS 1, 3, 4, 7, & 5.
 WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15th, SYSTEM-WIDE AHS PERIODS 1, 2, 6, 7, & 5.
 THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27th, AHS ONLY PERIODS 3, 4, 6, 7, & 5.
 THURSDAY, MARCH 13th, SYSTEM-WIDE AHS PERIODS 1, 2, 3, 4, & 5.
 TUESDAY, MARCH 25th, AHS ONLY. PERIODS 1, 2, 6, 7, & 5.
 WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30th, AHS ONLY PERIODS 1, 4, 6, 7, & 5.
 THURSDAY, MAY 22nd, AHS ONLY. PERIODS 2, 3, 4, 6, & 5.
 TUESDAY, MAY 27th, AHS ONLY. PERIODS 1, 2, 3, 7, & 5.

This schedule represents 12 early release days. AHS students will eat lunch at school before dismissal at 11:45 a.m.

Committee meetings will commence at NOON and conclude at 2:45 p.m. Faculty will eat during their scheduled lunch periods.

AHS BELL SCHEDULE

Period 1	7:25 to 8:07 (42 minutes)
Passing	8:07 to 8:11
Period 2	8:11 to 8:59 (48 min./announcements)
Passing	8:59 to 9:03
Period 3	9:03 to 9:45 (42 minutes)
Passing	9:45 to 9:49
Period 4	9:49 to 10:31 (42 minutes)
Passing	10:31 to 10:35
First lunch & Start of Period 5	10:35 to 10:55
First lunch pass to Period 5	10:55 to 10:59
Second lunch passing	10:57 to 11:00
Second lunch	11:00 to 11:20
Second lunch return to Period 5	11:20 to 11:24
Third lunch passing	11:22 to 11:25
Third lunch	11:25 to 11:45
DISMISSAL	11:45

The reason for the 12 early release days at Agawam High School is because of the Accreditation process.

AHS Teachers Named To "Who's Who"

Agawam High School teachers Richard H. Joseph, Vladimiro Orefice, David Walter Pulaski, Linda Beecher Sasso, and Irene West Thomas, as well as AHS Principal Joseph Steven Zabielski, have been included in the fourth edition of *Who's Who Among America's Teachers*, 1996.

All of the 120,000 listed teachers were selected by one or more former students who themselves were listed in either *Who's Who Among American High School Students* or *The National Dean's List*.

Paul C. Krouse, Publisher of *Who's Who Among America's Teachers*, stated, "We trust you will agree that there is no greater honor for a teacher than to be recognized for excellence by former students, especially when those students represent the best high school and college students in America today."

He continued, "We are proud to join educators throughout the country in celebrating the achievements of good teachers from good schools because that's good for everyone in education."

Lions Club Donates \$1,000 To D.A.R.E.



THE AGAWAM LIONS CLUB donated \$1,000 to Project D.A.R.E. to benefit the Agawam Public Schools. From left - Police Chief Robert Campbell, Lions President Raymond Olson, D.A.R.E. Officer Donald Gallerani, and Lions club member Richard Bassett. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Kathryn Poulos Begins First Year At Mount Holyoke College

Kathryn "Katie" Marie Poulos of Agawam has begun her first year at Mount Holyoke College, the oldest continuing institution of higher education for women in the United States.

Katie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Poulos of Agawam. A member of the National Honor Society, she was the recipient of several awards when she graduated from Agawam High School, where she was a member of the varsity field hockey and lacrosse teams. Most recently, she attended Holyoke Community College.

Katie joins a distinguished group of women. Mount Holyoke alumnae include: playwright Wendy Wasserstein, recipient of the Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award for Best Play for *The Heidi Chronicles*;

Ella Grasso, the first woman governor in her own right; Virginia Apgar, the developer of a numerical scale (the Apgar Score) used universally to measure the health of newborn babies; and Suzan-Lori Parks, Obie Award-winning playwright and screenwriter.

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Community Invited To Participate In Self-Study At Agawam High School

Joseph Zabielski, Principal of Agawam High School, has invited parents of school children and other interested community residents to assist in a self-study which is currently being conducted by the school professional staff.

The self-study is a significant component in the evaluation process of the Commission on Public Secondary Schools for the accreditation of Agawam High School by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges.

Mr. Zabielski noted that all aspects of the school will be evaluated during the self-study. Volunteers are most urgently needed, however, to serve on committees which will evaluate the areas of Statement of Purpose; Curriculum and Instruction; Student Support Services; Library Technology and Media Services; Administration, Faculty and Support Staff; School Facilities; and Community Support and Involvement; Financial Support; School Climate; and Assessment of Stu-

dent Learning and School Performance.

The New England Association of Schools and Colleges is a voluntary league of 1,860 public schools, colleges and universities, independent schools, and vocational/technical institutions. Approximately 680 public schools throughout New England are currently accredited through the Association's Commission on Public Secondary Schools.

The Commission works with individual schools to improve the quality of their programs at all levels through a process of self-study, evaluation, and follow-up activities.

Anyone interested in volunteering time or in learning more about the self-study should contact Dean of Students, Bernadette Conte, who is coordinating the accreditation process at the school. She may be reached at 789-1400, ext. 414, during school hours.

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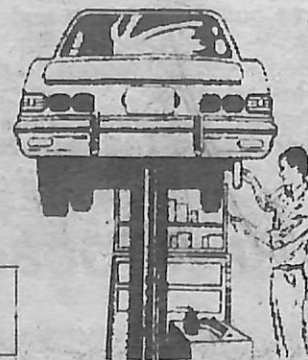
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Sports

Football Preview...

AHS-Westfield Should Be Fine Friday Matchup

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Last year, the Westfield High School football team had one win in 10 games. It came on a damp night at Bullens Field. The victims were the Agawam High football Brownies.

On Friday night, the two teams will meet again, this time at Harmon Smith Field. Westfield is 3-3. Agawam is 1-4. Coaches and remaining players have long memories.

"I believe we beat them last year 21-7," Bomber Athletic Director Al Nummy said. "We're a much better team now than we were then." Then he added, "Comp beat us last week. (The Colts are 5-1.) We fumbled five times. You take away even two of them and we beat a very good team."

He continued, "We lost 14-7 to Holyoke. You guys lost to them, 28-23? That was our best game of the year. You had to come back. We dominated. We just had no luck, almost the same as you guys have had this season."

"We run out of the 'I' formation, exactly like you do. You are going to play a mirror image of yourselves when you meet us Friday night."

Nummy remarked, "Here's what you'll face. We have an outstanding running back in Steve Haley (6', 200 pounds). We have an 'I' formation quarterback in Brendon Witherall (6'1", 190 pounds). He can pass and run."

"You have to consider our linemen," he added, mentioning three on the offensive side: 6'2", 245-pound tackle Troy St. Pierre; 6'4", 230-pound Shannon Garstka; and 6'1", 220-pound Curt Carpenter.

Nummy said, "We have two good receivers in Kyle Marshall (6'1", 180 pounds) and Dan Keefe (6', 190 pounds)."

"Our defense is a multiple defense. We play man and zone. We have a great linebacker in Todd Laborgne (6', 190 pounds). Dan Soule (6', 230 pounds) is a great two-way player at guard and defensive tackle. We don't blitz all that much. We run out of a 5-2 and occasionally a 4-3. What you see on defense is what you'll get from us."

Nummy noted, "We know we're going to have to stop (Phil) McGeoghan and (Jeff) Blews. We know that because we've scouted you guys a lot. Those two touchdown passes McGeoghan got against South Hadley were in single coverage. We won't make that mistake. We might not have the greatest defensive backfield in the league, but they all help each other out."

"And (Eric) Melbourne is a good passer, but he tends to force the ball (five interceptions on the year). We can lay back and wait for him to do that."

The Agawam Plan...

Agawam will feature Blews out of the "I" and the passing of Melbourne to McGeoghan. They'll release Kevin Perreault from the backfield for an occasional pass play.

They didn't use Brian Gallagher that much in the South Hadley game, which makes you wonder. Against a team like Holyoke, they ran Gallagher ragged in the fourth quarter. He is a horse (6'2", 200 pounds and just a sophomore), and he almost won the game for them.

Strangely, they ignored him in the South Hadley win. (He had three carries for seven yards. Maybe because he worked so hard on defense - five tackles and three assists.) Westfield won't ignore the fact that he'll carry the ball because Agawam will need him to win this game.

The difference: since the Agawam coaches never tell you much (it's like pulling teeth; the opposition scouts them heavily, and they tell you more about Agawam than anyone else), you have to go to their practices. What they do in practice is not even close to what they do in a game. It's pretty confusing.

It gets even more confusing when you watch these guys coach and suddenly realize that all of them - from Dean Vecchiarelli to Curt Boyle, to Mike Birk to Bill Moore, to Kirk Parker to Bill Haag - are talented.

Agawam will have some trouble in this game, but they should win it 30-25.

3 TD's For McGeoghan, 2 For Blews... Brownies Whip Tigers For 1st Football Win Of Fall

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

After four weeks of firing blanks, the Agawam High football Brownies loaded up the cannon and bagged a bunch of Tigers last Friday, beating South Hadley 34-13 on a beautiful October evening at Harmon Smith Field.

South Hadley came in at 1-4. Their lone win was against Cathedral a few weeks back. As is our custom, we sat on the South Hadley side of the field where the Tiger moms, dads, and friends were not in the best of moods. As a matter of fact, they all seemed to be looking forward to an appointment with Doctor Kervorkian. "Yeah," a Tiger dad said. "We beat Cathedral for our only win. Doesn't everybody beat them?"

Then he and the rest went to watching their club go up against the Brownies - probably, at the time, the best winless team in Western Mass.

Agawam got the ball first at its 40 and the coaches decided to run out of the "I" formation. It's a set that senior Jeff Blews was born for. He's not big. He's not fast. But he has the entire play in front of him. He hits the hole with the best of them. Five steps and he's gone. Behind him, along with Kevin Perreault and a nifty 14-yard pass from Eric Melbourne to Bryan Menard, the Brownies took the ball to the Tiger 35-yard line. Then it was time for Melbourne and wide receiver Phil McGeoghan to hook up.

Locals Take The Lead

McGeoghan was wide left. It was a simple streak pattern. Eric put it up while the defensive back still had McGeoghan semi-covered. But it was only for a few seconds. The tall senior really had his man beat from the get-go. He broke free at the 15, ran under a perfectly thrown ball, and in for six. It was 7-0 Agawam after the extra point.

The Brownies stuffed the Tigers on their next possession. When Agawam got it back, Melbourne threw into double coverage and a ball intended for Mike Wing was intercepted. The first quarter ended with the Brownies up, 7-0.

The Tigers got on the board at 4:37 of the second quarter. It was a score off a quarterback sneak from one yard out. It all started at the Agawam 40 after a bad punt. You could hear a collective groan from the Agawam side of the field. It translated into "here we go again."

The Brownies could do nothing on the kick-off and another possession. But they caught a break. The Tigers fumbled a punt. Agawam was suddenly looking at first and 10 from the South Hadley 22 with 1:48 left in the half. It took only one play to up the ante for the Brownies. Blews, running out of the "I," took the ball and headed off left tackle. Darrell Malachowski, Ryan Wilson, and Jaime Buiso cleared the lane. All Blews needs was an opening. He was gone for a 22-yard score.

It was 14-7 Agawam. But the Tigers were not going to go quietly. They took the kick-off on their 26 and started to march. Despite some brilliant defense on behalf of the Brownies, led by Wing and Brian Gallagher, the Tigers went all the way to the Agawam five-yard line. With 10 seconds left in the half, John O'Hara ran it in. The fake for two failed. It was suddenly 14-13, Agawam. Again, the faithful groaned. They'd seen it all before.

A Classic Football Play

Then a classic play in football happened. McGeoghan took the kick-off. He blew it on the short hop, then proceeded to boot it around on the ground for a few seconds like he was trying out for the Agawam soccer team. All the while the Tiger defenders were closing in. McGeoghan had one eye on the ball and one eye on the closing Tigers. He had a hole on the right side of the South Hadley defense you could have driven a freight train through. He saw it and headed for it.

You can never defense speed. McGeoghan has three gears - fast, faster, and fastest. He had TD written all over him the second he hit that role. The spectacular 80-yard run and Tony Planzo's extra point made it 21-13, Agawam at the half. (By the way, we had a stopwatch on him. When he got control of the ball at his own 20, we clicked it on. He covered the 80 yards in 8.6 seconds.)

That seemed to strip the stripes off the Tigers. The Brownies went into the locker room leading 21-13.

At 3:44 of the third quarter, the Brownies struck again. It was Blews who did the deed. He ran behind his left tackle and guard, Malachowski and Buiso. It was a 44-yard piece of work. The score stood at 27-13, Brownies.

The final Agawam score came on another classic play. South Hadley decided to take on McGeoghan with single coverage on the left flat. They were in a zone. A zone depends on help from the safeties. You can't cover a man with that kind of speed and ability that way. It was a look in. McGeoghan stopped. Melbourne threw the ball. When McGeoghan squared up for the pass, it was right on his numbers. He never saw it coming until it was there. He'd driven the defensive back five yards off him. Maybe the "D" back might have made the play. Maybe - but then McGeoghan sold him a bill of goods and the kid bought it. McGeoghan faked inside to the center of the field. It was an entire body fake. It was a great sales job. As soon as he leaned to his left, McGeoghan, sensing he had the guy (who by now had his legs all tied up), spun outside to his right. The safety, who should have been over to help, was two seconds late. You give McGeoghan two - you give him six. No one could catch him.

The final again - 34-13, Agawam.

BROWNIE NOTES:

RUSHING: Blews, 11 carries, 91 yards, two TD's. Perreault, five carries, 15 yards. McGeoghan, one 80-yard KO return for one TD; one end run for 14. Melbourne, six carries, 6-30 yards. Sacked for five yards. Gallagher, three carries, seven yards.

Graves, one carry, one yard. Mangano, one carry, two yards. Chris Bednarzyk, one carry, one yard.

PASSING: Melbourne, six attempts, four completions. Completions plus-14 to Menard, plus-35 to McGeoghan and a TD, plus-16 to Menard. One incompleteness and an interception. One interception. One comp. to McGeoghan, 36 yards, and a TD.

RECEIVING: Menard, two receptions, 30 yards. McGeoghan, 2-2 receptions, 35 and 36 yards, both for TD's.

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AHS JV & Frosh Weekly News

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Junior Varsity Girls' Soccer

AHS girls' JV soccer Coach Lynda Kunasek couldn't have appeared happier this week. Her team beat Minnechaug, 1-0. They tied Cathedral, 1-1, and beat Comp, 3-0.

"We were red-carded against Minnechaug. For the last 25 minutes in the second half, we played one player short. Our goal came from **Diana Abdala** at 21:00 into the second half," Kunasek said.

"We've gone 7-1 in the second half of our season. We've given up only one goal," Kunasek said proudly. "You know I don't mention names, but some have to be mentioned here. **Kaitlen White** is one. **Franca Bonavita** is another. They have all been playing well for me. We're now 8-4-3."

Freshman Girls' Soccer

Freshman girls' soccer Coach Mike Dobise is also happy. They beat Minnechaug, 2-0, on Tuesday. **Kaila Larivee** scored both goals. Her first was in the first half. The assist came from **Amanda Galluzzo** in the second half.

"We played a great passing game," Dobise noted. "We were first to the ball."

He also wanted to mention **Ann Paquette** as a star this week, along with **Kaila Larivee** and **Rocky Rodriguez**. Both were instrumental in their 2-2 tie against Cathedral on the 16th.

Freshman Football

The freshman football team beat up on Comp last Thursday. "We were supposed to play Westfield," Coach Kirk Parker said. "They didn't have enough kids. Comp called, so that's who we met. We beat them 36-0."

It was their fourth straight win. No one has scored on them this year.

"**Alex Almquist** scored our first touchdown," Coach Parker said. "He also scored the second one. **Jason Daigneau** scored our third. Daigneau scored again and we were up 30-0 at the half."

The final score came on a 15-yard pass from **Brian St. Jean** to **Shawn Biebel**.

Parker added, "We are very good. I don't know if anyone will score on us." How will the freshman team's success translate into their years with the varsity?

"We can't tell," Parker said. "If they all work as hard as they're working now, they could be world-beaters."

Junior Varsity Boys' Soccer

The AHS boys' JV soccer team defeated Chicopee, 2-1, on Monday. Then Minnechaug defeated the locals, 1-0.

Goal scorers for the boys' JV were **Umberto Santanillo** and **Federico** had the assist.

"**Barry Ward** has played well. **Ryan Grealis** has also played well. **Glenn Olson** is our goalie."

"Our passing game is probably the best part of our game," Olson added.

Junior Varsity Football

The Agawam High School football team traveled to the South Hadley Tiger game.

"South Hadley had a couple of penalties. **Andy** had some penalties. **Andy** had some penalties. Our record is 1-4. We play very well. Many breaks," Coach Mike Biebel said.

"Most of our kids are on the varsity. They don't get any breaks up there, but they come around. We have some good players," Biebel added.

He mentioned **St. Jean** and **Vinnie Curto**, along with **Jamal Hankerson**. "These kids all have ability," the coach said. "They should be varsity players next season."

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AHS Soccer Closing In On Divisional Title

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

In the dog days of summer when they were in pre-season drills, Agawam High boys' soccer Coach Dwight Northrup said to me, "I think we have a championship team here." Then he added, "This is all off the record. Don't you print this!"

It should be printed now. On Monday night, they beat the brains out of Chicopee, 6-1. They raised their record to 8-4-1 and 8-1-1 in the Churchill-Moriarty Division. They are driving for the division championship. Northrup is a good coach and he has a good team.

Chicopee scored first at 29:10 of the first half. Then **Jake Blair** (at 33:33) cruised in for a score. He is 6'5" and a senior. He runs the field with long strides. He cut from right to left. **Todd Jorgensen** had the ball on his foot. He saw Blair all the way. Blair took the shot from 20 yards out on the left. He took it in stride.

The half ended in a 1-1 tie. But Agawam, after tying Minnechaug 0-0 on Friday, and on the heels of its 3-0 win over Westfield, was going to have none of Chicopee anymore. The second half, for Chicopee, was a no-good, rotten, very bad day.

With seven minutes gone, Jorgensen scored. Then, two minutes later, **Jay Flood**, who was brought up from the JV's to cover for **Todd Godfrey** (broken leg in the Amherst game), put one in. It was another Jorgensen assist. This was off a through pass from Jorgensen. It was right on center from 30 yards out.

Then **Peter Bitzas**, who is becoming as good as his brother, **Chris**, nailed one at 29:12. Bitzas was on the left wing. He plays that position well. **Jay Hanscom** is his midfield linemate. Hanscom had three assists on the evening. This was his best one. He kicked the ball into a battle in front of the Chicopee goal. Bitzas was there. It was a 10-yard shot. It was 4-1, Agawam.

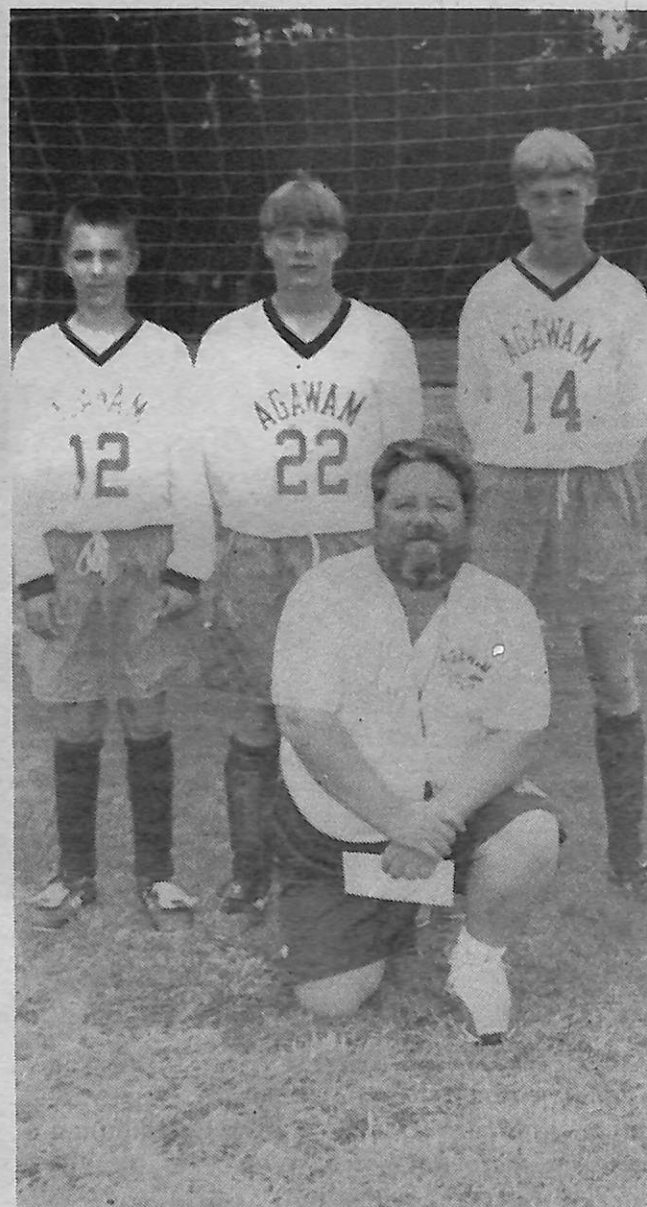
Brownies Were Running And Gunning...

Agawam was now running and gunning. Their defense, led by **Chris Bitzas**, wouldn't let a Pacer near the goal. The Brownies were doing what Northrup has worked four years to do — they were passing the soccer ball. It was great to watch. "I never wanted them to play boot ball. I knew we'd have to work hard to get away from that type of offense," said Northrup.

They fed it to the middle. Everyone wanted it. **Hanscom** got a score at 25:54. **Bill Maroni** got the ball at 23:29. It was off another Hanscom assist. Agawam went up 6-1.

On Wednesday, Agawam hosted Minnechaug. Agawam hasn't beaten the Colts in four years. On October 7th, Comp beat them at their home. An Agawam win would mean the championship of the Churchill-Moriarty Division.

AHS Frosh Captains



AGAWAM HIGH SOCCER Coach Al O'Quinn and his freshman boys' soccer team are enjoying a strong season. Team captains include **Dan Marsili**, **Joe Divirgilio**, and **Barry Ward**. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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HOLDING UP AGAWAM SHIRTS at last weekend's Soccer Jamboree at the Agawam High School are Don & Karen Berthiaume. The annual event was sponsored by the Agawam Soccer Association. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



DESPITE LAST WEEKEND'S RAIN, the Agawam Soccer Association held its Annual Jamboree at Agawam High School on both Saturday and Sunday. Soccer parents helping out at the concession stand included, from left - Linda Robie, Patti Dionne, Eva Jack, Barbara Brizolari, Ann Woodard, and Laura Paul. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Agawam Soccer Assoc. Announces Raffle Winners

The Agawam Soccer Association would like to announce the winners of its raffle that were drawn on October 20, 1996:

- * 1st prize (\$500) - Craig Gohn of Agawam.
- * 2nd prize (\$250) - Diane Petters of Agawam.
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U12 Agawam Tigers Take Championship At Cape Cod Tourney

Finally, the Agawam Tigers entered the winner's circle as just that, winners of a tournament.

The U12 Tigers, a Pioneer Valley girls soccer team representing the Agawam Soccer Association, claimed the championship of the Cape Cod Soccer Classic on Columbus Day Weekend by winning all four tournament games and then defeating Avon, Connecticut, 2-0 in the championship game on Columbus Day, October 14th. The tournament was held in South Yarmouth.

The victory in the Cape Cod Tournament completed a string of tournament successes for the Tigers, coached by Ed Brown and Joe Ruhl, that began last Memorial Day Weekend when the team reached its first final in the Newtown, Connecticut tournament. The Tigers then reached the final of the South Windsor Soccer Classic in August and were a final four team in the very tough Riverside Soccer Classic hosted here in Agawam by the Agawam Soccer Association.

In the Cape Cod Tournament, wing Meaghan Brown scored eight goals and striker/wing Kaitlin Sardella tallied seven goals to lead the scoring parade. Also scoring for the Tigers were wing Tricia Fitchben (2 goals), goalie/wing Vicky Taylor (2 goals), and single goals by halfbacks Aimee Beaudette, Whitney Brown, Sherrie Laskowski, Nicole Sadak, and striker Erin McLane.

The Tigers' first game on Saturday, October 12th vs. a strong Needham, Mass. team resulted in a 2-1 victory that Coach Ed Brown called the "best game of the season."

Meaghan Brown scored both goals, including the game-winner late in the second half. Goalie Vicky Taylor played a strong game, as did fullbacks Danielle Cirillo, Jen Sharpe, Melissa Savenko, and sweeper Kim Hoague. Brown said that center half-back Whitney Brown played an outstanding game for the Tigers.

The Tigers then finished off their efforts on Saturday with an easy 11-0 victory over Suffield, Connecticut. Meaghan Brown scored a hat-trick, followed by two goals from Kaitlin Sardella, two goals from Vicky Taylor, two goals from Tricia Fitchben, and singletons from Nicole Sadak and Erin McLane.

On Sunday, October 13th, the Tigers registered a 4-1 win over Medway, Mass. Kaitlin Sardella tallied a hat-trick and Meaghan Brown scored a single goal. Also seeing plenty of action and playing well for the Tigers were Brittany Theriaque, Victoria Ruhl, Sherrie Laskowski, and Nicole Sadak.



MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM U12 Agawam Tigers, winners of the Cape Cod Soccer Classic on Columbus Day Weekend. Back row, from left - Coach Ed Brown, Erin McLane, Kim Hoague, Victoria Ruhl, Meaghan Brown, Whitney Brown, Aimee Beaudette, and Coach Joe Ruhl. Middle row - Danielle Cirillo, Brittany Theriaque, Kaitlin Sardella, Tricia Fitchben, and Jen Sharpe. Front row - Nicole Sadak, Melissa Savenko, Vicky Taylor, and Sherrie Laskowski.

Against host Yarmouth later on in the day, the Tigers won their fourth straight game, this time by a 6-0 count. Kaitlin Sardella scored twice and single tallies were added by Sherrie Laskowski, Whitney Brown, and Meaghan Brown. Brittany Theriaque and Victoria Ruhl gave the front line plenty of opportunities to score from their halfback positions as well.

In the championship game vs. Avon, played in strong winds, goalie Vicky Taylor shined, especially in the first half when Avon came out strong and tested her several times. But the fullbacks, led by Danielle Cirillo, Jen Sharpe, Melissa Savenko, and sweeper Kim Hoague played well during some testy moments in a first half that ended scoreless.

With the wind in the second half, the Tigers completely turned things around and dominated the game. Halfback Aimee Beaudette scored first when she volleyed a shot at the top of the penalty area into the top corner of the net. Coach Ed

Brown called the shot and subsequent goal "one of the best of the season" for the team.

Meaghan Brown also scored to give the Tigers a 2-0 lead that stood for the rest of the championship game.

Coach Brown also credited striker Kaitlin Sardella for going to the backline to play fullback for most of the game when he had to reshuffle his lineup.

The Tigers are currently 11-0 in the U12 girls' Pioneer Valley Soccer League and overall, are 22-3-1 since opening the season at the South Windsor Soccer Classic.

The Tigers clinched first place in the U12 girls league this past Sunday with a 1-0 victory over previously undefeated Chicopee Ajax on the wet Junior High field. Meaghan Brown scored the winning goal in a game that the Tigers dominated but Ajax played the Tigers tough despite being pinned in their own end.

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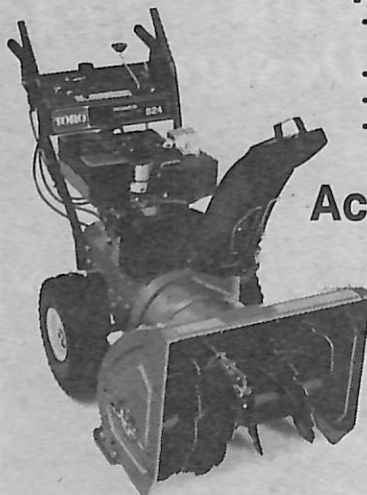
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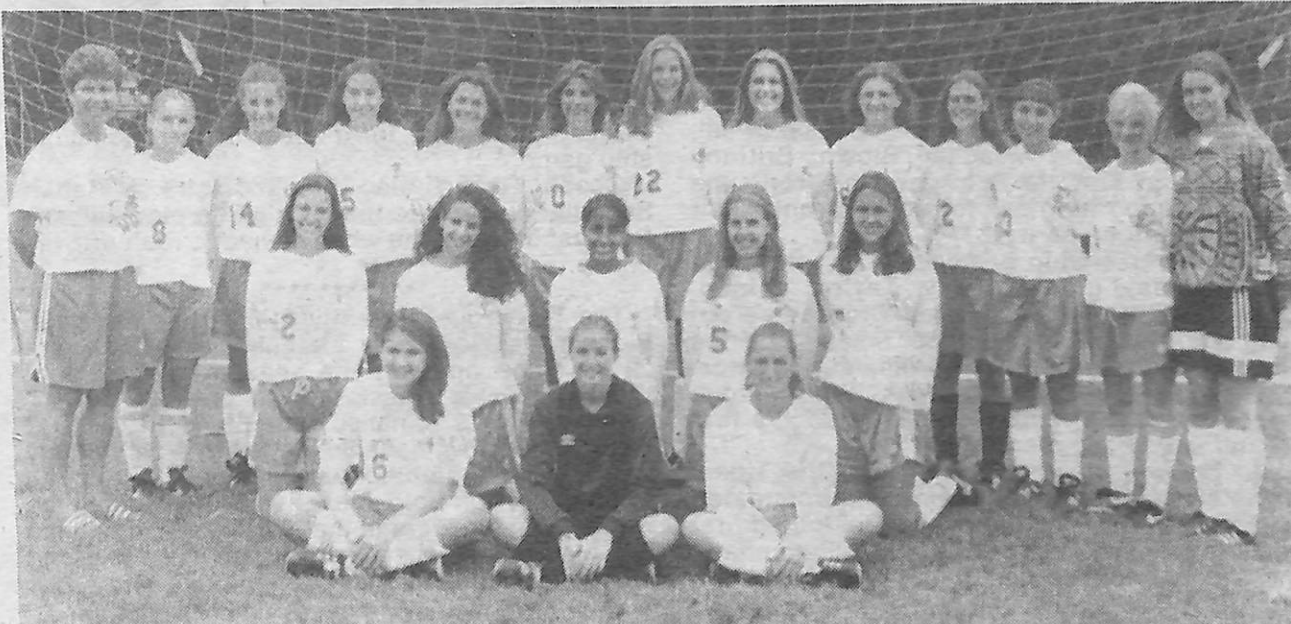
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Agawam's Entry In S. N.E. Soccer League



AGAWAM TEAM MEMBERS in the men's Southern New England Soccer League include, back row - Don Conklin, George Russell, Mike Lyman, Jim Duquette, Alan Corbin, Mike Knodler, Sr., Fred Gamben, Mike Knodler, Jr., and Mike Schaeffer. Front row - Sam Orlando, Kevin Willard, Radamas Rivera, Mike Bordurtha, Walt Willard, and Brian Chechile. Missing: Dwight Northrup. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

AHS Girls' Soccer Have Fine Week



THE AGAWAM HIGH GIRLS' soccer team tied first place Cathedral (1-1) then defeated tournament-bound Minnechaug (2-0) to recover their seventh win of the season and inch closer to a Division I tournament bid. Team members are (back row) - Coach Mary Murray, Aimee Loudfoot, Dianna DiStefano, Heather Arcangeletti, Julie LaFlamme, Amber Conte, Melissa Cote, Jill DeMarco, Amy Mastroianni, Sheri Benton, Vanessa Galluzzo, Gina Loudfoot, and Jen Quigley. Middle row - Cindi Alfano, Danielle DiStefano, Rita Reshamwala, Tara Grealis, and Sarah Cote. Front row - tri-captains Carrie Janik, Melissa Troie, and Kristen Patterson. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Men's Volleyball League Is Gearing Up For The Playoffs

With the regular season now three weeks from completion, each of the five teams in the Park and Recreation Men's Volleyball League are gearing up for the playoffs.

Under League rules, the regular season fourth- and fifth place teams will play an extra match against each other to determine which will advance in playoff competition. While there is still time to move about in the standings, it appears that this match will pit **Sponsorless** against **Simmons**.

Although **Simmons** is looking for its first win, they are a team that's greatly improved despite injuries and company transfers. They have played their competition very close in recent matches. **Sponsorless**, a.k.a. Mike's Misfits, plays well together and features young and powerful offensive talent.

The winner of the fourth- and fifth-place finishers will advance to play the number-one team, who (at this time) looks to be **Shotblock**. Having basically the same roster as last year's champs (the "Spartans"), this powerful team has been beaten only once in the regular season. **Shotblock** has narrowly defeated **Fitness First** and **Sideout** in recent play. Their only loss was to **Sideout**.

The other semi-final round match will feature the second- and third-place finishers, which now appear to be **Fitness First** and **Sideout**. Both feature clean passing and strong serving/hitting. With one regular season match left between these two powerful teams, **Fitness First** holds the edge, two matches to one.

The winners of the two semi-final matches will play for the champion's trophy, and the losers for third place.

The regular season has been safely played, fun, and exciting with most of the matches being very close. This League is developing and features quality volleyball talent, and looks to expand next year.

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The Agawam Parks & Recreation Department is currently accepting applications for referees for the In-Town Basketball program.

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Hunting Season Gets Off To A Soggy Start

Valley pheasant, grouse, and rabbit hunters got off to a soggy start of the season this past Saturday (October 19th). In what is becoming a typical weekend, the rain came and stayed.

Wildlife management areas absorbed much of the somewhat lighter than usual hunting pressure. Areas such as Knightville and Swift River management areas had their share of hunters, but the sea of orange caps traversing the fields seemed somewhat smaller than in previous seasons.

The sound of hunters coaxing their dogs on, or trying to call them in, were punctuated by shots at high-flying ringneck pheasants.

The Division will be stocking the management areas along with open covers throughout the valley over the next several weeks.

FISH REPORTS

Bluefish get scarce, but schoolie stripers invade the coast as the fall migration of game fish takes place in the ocean. Southbound fish are bulking up for the long swim south, and are providing anglers with hot action from the Cape to Long Island Sound.

Big bluefish are still around but are becoming a little harder to find. Schoolie stripers, along with some really large linesides, are being taken in good numbers. Surf fishermen are having a ball with schoolies and an occasional oversized cow bass. Boat fishermen are doing well along the usual rips and ledges.

Parachute jigs worked on wire or leadcore seem to be taking their share of both blues and stripers. The chunk and dunk crowd are scoring fairly consistently at Long Sand Shoal and Cornfield Point along the Connecticut shore. Rhode Island jetty jockeys and surf fishermen are hitting bass on chunks and hardware from Charlestown to Watch Hill. The Point Judith breakwater has also produced

ed some decent action.

Connecticut River smallmouth are hitting on jigs and slow-moving crankbaits. As the water temperature continues to fall, slow down your retrieve. Some jumbo perch are also hitting at the mouth of feeder creeks. Don't put the boat away yet, as the best is still to come!

THANKS FOR THE LETTER, PHIL!

To conclude this week's column, I would like to share with AAN readers the following letter that was recently sent to me from Mr. Phil Williamson of Chicopee, MA:

October 15, 1996

The Agawam Advertiser News
14 Southwick Street
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Attn.: Kent Servis, Outdoor Writer

Dear Sir:

After hunting the last 10 years in Maine for black bear and having had good success, I thought I'd try Massachusetts. So, I thought my best guide here would be an American Indian from Agawam.

Well, in my opinion, he did everything wrong. I was taught down Maine way that you did not shower with scented soap, you wore cameo clothing (which you hung outside under pine boughs), did not smoke, and did not rattle candy wrappings.

As we were driving to our destination, my Indian guide smoked perhaps 10 cigarettes, saturating our clothing, of course. After parking, he put on an orange hat as he had forgotten the cameo one. He then proceeded to sit just above a natural watering hole where we saw a big sow and cub Monday, and I left for other parts.

At 9:10 a.m., I heard a shot and went to check it out ... and there he was, dragging a nice bear back to the truck. It had come into the water hole just as he was finishing a cigarette!

After taking care of Mr. Bruin and cooking some hamburgers, I convinced him to let me use his stand, so off my buddy went. About 3:15 p.m., I happened to glance to my right ... and here comes a bear heading for our vehicle, probably looking for cheeseburgers.

I waited until he moved from behind a tree, to give me a good shoulder shot, and that was it. Two bears in one day in Massachusetts.

Best regards,
Phil Williamson
Chicopee, MA

P.S.: The only thing that I beat the Native American at was the weight — by 25 pounds.

Agawam High School Cheerleaders Seeking Donations For London Trip

Last month, the Agawam High School varsity and junior varsity cheerleaders participated in a summer camp sponsored by the Universal Cheerleader Association (UCA). Three members of the group — Melissa (Betty) Almquist, Natalie Piccin (varsity), and Melissa Weinle (junior varsity) — were selected to represent Agawam in the annual Lord Mayor of Westminster's New Year's Day Parade in London, England.

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Pilegi's Blue	0	6	1	1

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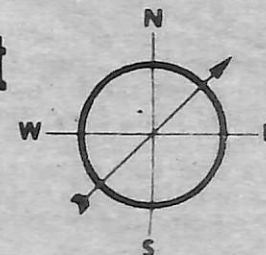


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